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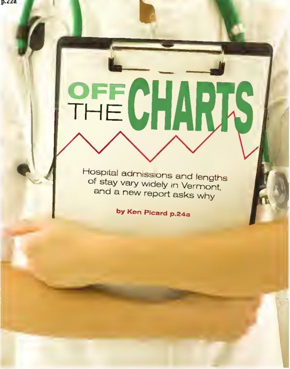

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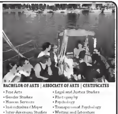

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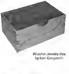

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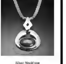

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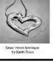

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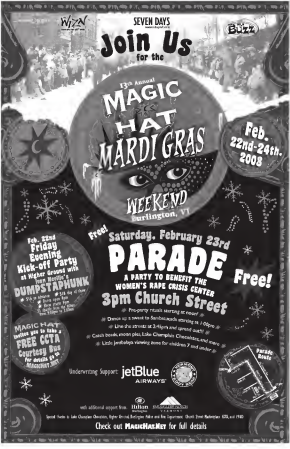

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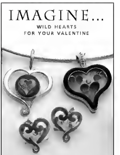
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MISSING TED

I had the pleasure of interviewing Ted [from the online archives: "The Life of Ted Riehle," August 13, 1997] early in summer for the *Milton Independent*. I found him to be an impressive individual. He had an independent spirit and a love for life. He will be missed.

Bob Ticho
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CAREER JAM KUDOS

What a Jam. When I set up my exhibitor's table [January 26] at the Vermont 3.0 Creative Tech Career Jam, I wondered how many people would stop by that day. When the doors opened at 10 a.m., the floodgates opened. My staff and I talked non-stop to people all day, including many with the talents for one of the open positions at my company. I received as many qualified resumés during those six hours as during the prior six weeks of recruiting.

There is a popular misconception that "there are no jobs in Vermont." The 50 employers who exhibited (and the 20 on the waiting list) certainly dispelled that myth. There are many companies in the creative and technology fields here that are growing. In fact, the challenge I share with fellow business managers is finding talent to fill open positions.

This event was a success because of the excellent planning and volunteer efforts of the organizing committee and the organizations they represent. This kind of collaboration is exactly what has been needed. The energy and excitement was palpable that day for everyone who attended. A special thanks to my friends at *Seven Days*, whose people did a fantastic job with everything from planning to publicity to logistics. The Career Jam is one more step forward in demonstrating that creative/tech is a vibrant and growing sector in the Vermont economy. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Greg Brand
UNDERHILL

Brand is president of the Bluehouse Group and co-chair of the Vermont Software Developers Alliance.

'HEROIC' ARTICLE

I would just like to congratulate you [Dan Bolles] on a very well written article about our "Guitar Hero / Music Education integration ["From Clicks to Licks," January 23]. I've been in this business for many years and very few articles will get the point across to the public as well as your article did. Fantastic job.

Thanks very much for the interest and the article — we appreciate it.

Dave Contois
ESSEX JUNCTION

Contois is the owner of Contois Music.

DEFENDING CHLORAMINE

I want to correct factual errors and misperceptions reported in the *Seven Days* article "Activists, Lawmakers Criticize CDC's Chloramine Report" [News, January 23].

The Vermont Department of Health has painstakingly, methodically and sensibly investigated the use of monochloramine to disinfect drinking water since the switchover to monochloramine by the Champlain Water District in April 2006. Let's set the record straight about our actions.

Our toxicology and medical epidemiology experts have searched for and reviewed all available research on the subject to date, even to the point of having two studies translated from German. We have continued to press EPA and CDC for emerging scientific studies to help in understanding the concerns of some residents and anti-chloramine groups. We have met multiple times with stakeholders, physicians and individuals, surveyed area health care providers, and last fall organized the CDC/EPA meeting and house visits, and worked with the Agency of Natural Resources to host a meeting on disinfection byproducts.

To date, we have found no credible evidence to show that the use of monochloramines to disinfect public drinking water is a threat to public health. To the contrary, use of chloramines is considered a safer alternative to chlorine to reduce known harmful disinfection byproducts.

Of the approximately 68,000 Champlain Water District customers, fewer than 25 people — rather than the 250 people reported in *Seven*

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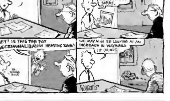
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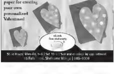
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MOST POPULAR STORIES LAST WEEK ON THE *SEVEN DAYS* WEBSITE.

1. "Picking and Praising" by Kevin J. Kelley (10/04/06)
2. "Bike Advocates Ask for Room on the Road" by Kirk Kardashian (1/30/08)
3. "Readers — and Writers — Lament the Loss of *Vermont Sunday Magazine*" by Kevin J. Kelley (1/30/08)
4. "Lords of Entrees" by Suzanne Podhaizer (1/30/08)
5. "Attention, Shoppers" by Suzanne Podhaizer (1/30/08)

Why is this particular item suddenly so popular? We have no idea. But it's proof that there's value in keeping our archives available — and easily accessible — online.

We started posting our stories to the *Seven Days* website in 2000. Back then, we uploaded new content every week, but there was no way to search for older articles. If you wanted to find a story from a few months back, you were out of luck.

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You should have no problem finding anything we've written in the past three years in our online archives. Eventually that will be true of anything we've ever published.

The number of stories in our archives is growing all the time. We recently added a batch from 2001. When former State Legislator Ted Riehle died, we added a profile of him that Paula Routly wrote in 1997.

If there's a particular story you'd like to see on our website, let us know. We might move it to the top of the import list. Email your requests to cathy@sevendaysvt.com.

VIDEO

If you have an idea for a video, or would like to have your music featured in our videos, contact eva@sevendaysvt.com.

You can read about artist Kat Clear in this week's *Seven Days*. But to see her in welding action, check out Eva Sollberger's "Stuck in Vermont" video on our website.

The Campus Question: In anticipation of the Academy Awards, Jon Taylor asks Burlington College film students "What's the worst movie you've seen recently?"

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But it was all OK. And you know why? Because New York or New England, there was one thing we could all agree on: Tom Petty.

HELL YEAH, TOM PETTY!

I mean, let's be honest for a second. No matter how much hype the Super Bowl halftime show gets, no matter how many people claim to watch it, it blows. It's all lights, and flash, and medleys, and nipples, and just not my scene. I'd actually rather watch football.

But when I heard that Tom Petty had agreed to perform, and had promised no medleys and no dancers, I was definitely curious.

My verdict? Overall, I enjoyed it.

Petty kept his word. No medleys and no dancers. Of course, there was a crowd to rush the stage and sing along (many appeared to not actually know the lyrics) in brightly colored T-shirts with obviously issued identical flashlights. But, meh, that was unavoidable.

The band delivered four great American rock songs, appealing to all generations. And at our basement party of five Giants fans and one Patriots fan-wannabe, we all sang along. And sat there through the entire thing. Which is really the whole point, at least in the eyes of the NFL. If they can guarantee viewers, they can continue to charge a high price for advertising.

My only real concern was that I'm pretty sure Tom Petty flat-ironed his hair.

Read more online...

Posted February 4 by Bridget Burns

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Digital Pamphleteer

Bad News: Bill Simmon's film about local political blogger Steve Benen (of The Carpetbagger Report) was rejected by South by Southwest. Sorry, Bill!

Good News: Bill wrote a blog post about his rejection, and provided a link to his film on YouTube. That means we don't have to go to a film festival to see it.

So here it is, the Goldstone-award winning short film, "Digital Pamphleteer."

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Douglas Brooks is a boat builder, writer and researcher who builds traditional wooden boats for museums and private clients. He regularly publishes articles about his research and in 2003 published his first book THE TUB BOATS OF SADO ISLAND: A JAPANESE CRAFTSMAN'S METHODS. He lives in Vergennes, Vermont.

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BY PETER FREYNE

AN IRREVERENT READ ON VT POLITICS

Pollina's Nightmare?

About three hours after last week's edition of *Seven Days* hit the street, yours truly got a call from a certain mysterious international political figure "reportedly" considering a run for governor of Vermont.

We had noted in last week's "Inside Track" that **Peter Galbraith**, 57, the distinguished author and former diplomat, had not put in an appearance at either of the two weekend Burlington labor events that were politician heavy, nor had he returned our phone message seeking comment.

Galbraith (pictured here on Burlington's Church Street after a November coffee-shop rendezvous with Progressive **Anthony Pollina**, who has since declared his own gubernatorial candidacy) said he wanted to be perfectly clear. He is "seriously considering" seeking the Democratic nomination for governor of Vermont.

PHOTO: PETER FREYNE

PETER GALBRAITH

Nobody else is, apparently because none of the usual suspects believes he has a snowball's chance in hell of knocking off Republican incumbent and moderate, likable-guy **Jim Douglas**. We suggested to Galbraith — U.S. Ambassador to Croatia when **Howard Dean** was governor — that skepticism about his candidacy is not lacking.

"That's your assessment of it," he replied. "I don't think I'm a total unknown. And I think I have been in public service for 24 years and I have a good record."

The baby-boomer generation politico, a resident of Townshend, active in the Vermont Democratic Party in the 1970s, noted he has "always been a Vermont resident." He was a delegate to the state party convention and even served as party chairman, he informed us.

But that's 30-some years ago, isn't it?

"Yes, of course," he replied. "Obviously, when I went into the service of our country, I gave up my active involvement in politics. I don't think that's a disqualification from seeking public office."

Good answer, eh?

But what about the Pollina factor? No one sees the possibility of a Jim Douglas upset if Galbraith throws his hat in the ring, too. Peter and Tony the Prog would split the Vermont left and allow Douglas an easy victory — or that's the conventional wisdom.

"Well, first," Galbraith said firmly and clearly, "my decision doesn't depend on Anthony Pollina, who is a fine person and perfectly within his rights to run." He agreed that it would be easier for a "small-p" progressive to prevail in circumstances where there's one candidate. "And I consider myself a progressive," said Galbraith.

He said the best way for a progressive to prevail would be if there were only one.

"I would be in favor of any fair system to select that one candidate," said Galbraith.

What does that mean?

The "obvious" meaning, answered the former international diplomat, "is to have a Democratic Primary."

But, we noted, Mr. Pollina has already made it clear he's not going there. He's a Progressive Party candidate.

"But fewer than 500 people voted" in the last Progressive Party Primary, said Galbraith, while 100,000 people voted in the Democratic one.

The Democratic Party "is the largest party in the state," said the man who is not a Democratic candidate at this time, "so it's a perfectly good forum to settle the issue."

But it's not going to happen, Pedro. Though he ran for Congress in 1984 as a Democrat, today Tony is a Prog!

"I'm open to any other idea," said the non-candidate.

To test his "progressive" metal, we asked Galbraith's view on the hot-button health-care-reform debate under Montpelier's Golden Dome — H.304. The controversial legislation would establish one statewide global budget to cover, and rein in, all Vermonters' huge healthcare costs.

"If I were designing a health-care system from scratch," said the man who says he's "seriously considering" running for governor, "I would be in favor of a state-run, single-payer system. That clearly provides the best service and the most comprehensive coverage at the lowest cost. And the experience of other countries in the world demonstrates that that's the case."

Whoa. A flaming lefty after all.

Then Ol' Peter added, rather diplomatically, "We, of course, are not starting from scratch, and that is the dilemma."

Before taking a definitive position, this maybe-candidate told us he has many questions he would want to answer before taking a definitive stand on H.304.

OK. What does the guy who negotiated the peace treaty in Croatia think about Vermont's marijuana laws?

Unlike Gov. Scissorhands, who is only open to hearing the debate, Galbraith is clear. "I'm not in favor of criminal prosecution of small amounts of marijuana," said the Considerer of Candidacy. "That clogs up the system."

He would have more specifics on how he'd go about changing the laws "if and when I become a candidate." Right now, he said, he's "still in the mode of exploring."

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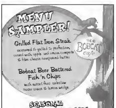

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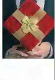

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But is Gentleman Jim Douglas beatable? C'mon, seriously.

"I wouldn't be contemplating it if I didn't think it was a winnable proposition," answered Galbraith. "I believe this will be an extremely Democratic year," he noted, and "a Democrat with a progressive set of positions and a solid record of public service could win."

Health Care Beat — Rep. **Topper McFaun**'s health-care-reform bill — the one that at the session's start was not expected to come off the wall — got two days of hearings last week before the House and Senate health committees.

Hospital heads and insurance-company types had nothing good to say about H.304, which would require one global budget to handle all Vermonters' hospitalization costs.

Reformers like McFaun, the feisty Barre Republican, and Dr. **Deb Richter**, the Cambridge family practitioner, argue a global budget would save Vermonters millions by cutting the bureaucracy, executive salaries and insurance-company profits while relieving everyone's worries about paying their hospital bills. Their premise is that health care works best and costs least when we accept that we're all in this together. They point to the rest of the civilized world as their evidence: better results at much lower cost.

The CEOs and insurance types say that even if some of what the reformers said made sense, the one-budget plan will not work unless the entire country adopts the same "single-payer" plan. One little state by itself just won't work.

Certainly, acknowledges Richter, "It remains very much an uphill fight, but the fact that H.304 still draws breath is something of a medical miracle."

Asked her diagnosis of H.304's condition this week, Dr. Deb told "Inside Track," "It's alive. I don't know if it's well. The opposition, the hospital CEOs and the insurance companies," she said, "are desperately trying to kill this bill."

On Thursday, the day after this week's *Seven Days* hits the street and web, Richter and her growing band of grassroots health-care-reform activists are due to hit the Golden Dome in Montpelier for their second Statehouse lobby day.

On January 9, 160 Vermonters from 47 towns signed their reform petition. The good doctor said she's expecting even more folks to make Montpelier their destination this week.

We shall see.

P.S. Name change complete. Dr. Richter said they have changed the name of their organization's website from Take Back Vermont Health Care to Save Vermont Health Care. Why?

"Because we didn't want to offend anybody with the previous name," said she.

"Take Back Vermont" was a rallying cry and favorite lawn sign of antigay-rights, anti-civil-union folks back in 2000. For some, though not too many, the phrase still had a sting, Dr. Deb learned.

Richter said her group, which includes gay members, did not realize some folks had been offended. Their new web url is www.savevermonthealthcare.org.

Statehouse Notes — Gov. Jim Douglas' proposal to plug a big hole in the state budget with $50 million raised by selling off the Vermont Lottery looks like a dead skunk in the middle of the road.

But a bill backed by Rural Vermont that would license farmers to grow hemp sailed through the House Agriculture Committee on an 11-0 vote. The Progressive Chairman **David Zuckerman**, as well as Democrats, Republicans and one Independent, were all on board in the end. This despite the admonition from Vermont State Police that hemp has been an illegal crop since 1958 under federal law. To Uncle Sam, it's the same as marijuana, the "evil weed."

Zuckerman notes there will be a new federal government come January, and having a Vermont law in place will put us at the front of the line to begin a healthy, profitable industry, as hemp production is in other civilized countries such as Canada.

Incidentally, Vermont has some pretty deep hemp roots. According to papers on file at the Vermont Historical Society, www.vermonthistory.org/arccat/findaid/fairbank.htm, two Vermonters, **Thaddeus** and **Erastus Fairbanks**, patented the "hemp dresser" in 1830. And Thaddeus was "for a time manager of the St. Johnsbury Hemp Company."

Shocking!

As for Gov. Scissorhands' suggestion we sell the Vermont Lottery to the highest bidder, House Speaker **Gaye Symington** says "the bottom line" comes down to the fact that "the approach of selling a state asset to meet structural needs is just inappropriate. This year it's the lottery; what are we going to sell off next year?"

Symington, appearing on Ch. 3's "You Can Quote Me" Sunday morning, also pointed out that for the new owner of the Vermont Lottery to make more money, "Vermonters will have to lose more."

The legislature, she assured **Marselis Parsons** and **Kristin Carlson**, "is just not interested in that."

The lottery currently takes in $23 million annually. Proponents say it's voluntary spending and unlike taxes, people don't have to pay up.

"My answer to that," said the Democratic Speaker, "is, OK, let's turn off the spigot on the ads. If you think it's voluntary, then let's stop advertising it and see how many people buy lottery tickets."

Shes a toughie, eh?

Media Notes — It happens very slowly, usually too slowly to notice, but change is constant. Just look at *The Burlington Free Press* these days. The dry, colorless, humorless Gannett chain outpost in Vermont isn't the boring, editorially conservative rag it was all those years under Publisher **Jim Carey**.

Though *Freeps* staff no longer gets free parking, the state's largest daily is showing color and up the likes of which we've never seen before.

And the rigidly anti-**Bernie Sanders** right-wing editorial page, which remained muzzled under Carey during the contentious civil unions battle in 2000, is finally demonstrating a desire to connect to Vermont.

Amazing.

Tuesday's *Freeps* editorial came to the defense of Brattleboro, a little Vermont city that is under assault from the right-wing bloggers, blabbers and talk-show stars of America.

On Town Meeting Day, Brattleboro voters will have a ballot question asking if they think President **George W. Bush** and Vice President **Dick Cheney** should be arrested for their Iraq war crimes, perjury and/or obstruction of justice if they ever set foot in Vermont.

Mr. "WMD" Bush has never set foot in Vermont while occupying the White House. It's the only state of the 50 he has not visited.

Hmm.

While the *Freeps* editorial board under new Publisher/President **Bradley Robertson** does not take sides on whether Dubya's lies and war crimes are, indeed, "perjury" and "war crimes," it does stand up for the right of Brattleboro citizens to vote on it.

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"Sometimes we agree, sometimes we don't. That's not the point. Others might talk about democracy, but in Vermont, we are not afraid to practice democracy."

Yes, indeed, as the kid from Hibbing, Minnesota, with the guitar would say, "The times, they are a-changing."

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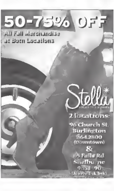
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JUSTICE

Legendary Defender Speaks in Vermont on Cuban Five

BY KEVIN J. KELLEY

If a case doesn't directly involve politics, doesn't involve people of color and does involve defendents of means, the possibility of achieving justice is greatly enhanced.

ATTORNEY LEONARD WEINGLASS

SOUTH ROYALTON & BURLINGTON — Attorney Leonard Weinglass, perhaps the country's foremost champion of left-wing defendants, is scheduled to speak in Vermont next week on a little-known case that, he says, raises big issues about the U.S. criminal-justice system.

Weinglass, whose celebrated clients have included the late Vermont-based radical David Dellinger, currently serves on a legal team representing five Cubans arrested in Miami in 1998 on spying-related charges. The Cuban Five have been held for the past nine years, even though, Weinglass argues, they were only trying to prevent acts of terrorism that were being planned in the United States.

"This case exposes an aspect of U.S. foreign policy that's kept hidden from the public: government tolerance and even training of terrorists," Weinglass says. The 74-year-old Manhattan-based attorney adds in a telephone interview that the case of the Cuban Five also serves as "a prime example of government misuse of the criminal justice system to further domestic politics." In this instance, Weinglass suggests, the Bush administration is pressing ahead with an unjust prosecution in order to ensure that the 650,000-strong Cuban American community in Florida votes heavily next November for Republican candidates.

The Cuban Five were convicted in 2001 and sentenced to terms ranging from 15 years to life imprisonment. One of the men was found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder because he relayed information that resulted in the Cuban military's shooting down two planes operated by a Florida-based anti-communist group. Four of the group's members were killed in that 1996 incident.

The Cuban Five are being held separately in maximum-security facilities around the country. In 2005, a U.S. appeals court panel overturned their convictions on the grounds that it was impossible for the Cubans to receive a fair trial in Miami because of the powerful influence of Cuban American anti-communist militants there. But the following year the full appeals court reversed that ruling, so the sentences still stand.

Weinglass has again appealed for a new trial, and he says he expects the court to issue a decision sometime this spring. He describes the Cuban Five as "committed supporters of the revolution." They came to the United States, Weinglass says, with the sole aim of infiltrating groups that could use terror tactics as part of their efforts to overthrow the nearly 50-year-old regime headed by Fidel Castro.

Defenders of the five point to a history of such attacks — most notoriously, the 1976 bombing in Venezuela of a Cuban airliner, which killed 73 people. A CIA operative jailed in Venezuela as a prime author of that terrorist crime escaped in 1985 and now lives freely in Miami. In 1997, one year prior to the arrest of the Cuban Five, a series of hotel bombings occurred in Havana. An Italian tourist was killed in what the Castro government said was a Miami-based campaign to destroy the Cuban tourism industry.

Although the Cuban Five case has received scant press coverage outside Florida, Weinglass says it involves some of the same principles underlying spectacular trials in which he has played a pivotal legal role.

In addition to Dellinger, who died in 2004, he has defended African-American communist Angela Davis; actress Jane Fonda; former President Jimmy Carter's daughter, Amy; Nixon enemies-list member Daniel Ellsberg; and the kidnappers of newspaper heiress Patty Hearst. Weinglass recalls being jokingly introduced at Harvard by Dellinger co-defendant Abbie Hoffman as "an unpopular lawyer who represents unpopular causes."

Asked which of his cases he considers most significant, Weinglass replies, "It's like asking a parent to choose which child is their favorite." All were important, he says, and in each he worked in accordance with a core set of beliefs: "Trust the jury; speak honestly; don't avoid the reality that the case presents; be conscious that you're defending principled people."

The American criminal-justice system can produce fair outcomes, Weinglass adds, but the odds of that happening are decreased when politics motivates the prosecution, as well as in cases influenced by factors related to race or poverty. "If a case doesn't directly involve politics, doesn't involve people of color and does involve defendants of means, the possibility of achieving justice is greatly enhanced," he finds.

Weinglass says he has long "looked admiringly on the political context of Vermont." He recalls speaking in Burlington at a celebration honoring Dellinger, one of the figures in the Vietnam-era Chicago Eight trial, which is now being brought to the screen by director Steven Spielberg.

Weinglass says his talks in Vermont concerning the Cuban Five won't differ from speeches he has delivered throughout the country. "It being Vermont, however," he adds, "I do expect a larger turnout."

Weinglass will speak at Chase Hall, Vermont Law School, in South Royalton on Tuesday, February 12, at 5 p.m., and at Waterfront Theatre, presented by Burlington College, on Wednesday, February 13, at 6 p.m.

ACTIVISM

Peaceniks Field Post-Protest Fallout

BY MIKE IVES

BURLINGTON — Non-violent civil disobedience can produce stiff penalties. But in recent weeks, at least four local activists scored one cushy and ironic plea bargain. Rather than serve hard time for a slew of trespassing violations, they did antiwar activism as state-sanctioned penance — for violations incurred during an antiwar protest.

On November 30, the activists were among at least 62 demonstrators who stormed a Williston Army National Guard recruiting office in protest of U.S. military policy. After a tense stand-off, law-enforcement officials asked the gang to leave. But 13 refused, and 10 were charged with "unlawful trespass."

The 13 protesters have since navigated one of three paths. Underagers were referred to juvenile court; two others were dismissed outright for "lack of probable cause"; and the remaining "seven or eight" were promised exoneration in exchange for 15 hours of community service. Reached by phone Monday, State's Attorney T.J. Donovan tells *Seven Days* that "most" of the members of that third group have met their service requirements.

"Anything, as long as it's legal, I was fine with," says Donovan, referring to those who did counter-recruitment activism with the Burlington Peace & Justice Center (PJC). "I think it's a fair resolution. They gave something back to the community that they believed in."

But arrestee Jonathan Leavitt, [illegible], has a bone to pick with the authorities. He claims he was "thrown and kicked" by Williston Police Detective Michael Lavoie while inside

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BY KIRK KARDASHIAN

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BURLINGTON — Even though the Queen City uses about as much electricity today as it did in 1989 — a feat of energy efficiency — Burlington can do better. It can augment and diversify its renewable-energy portfolio, stabilize electricity rates, increase reliability and reduce CO_2 emissions — all without raising the cost to ratepayers. That's the word from Barbara Grimes, general manager of the Burlington Electric Department, which is asking voters to approve a $39.6 million bond for six project initiatives on the March 4 ballot.

City Treasurer Jonathan Leopold explains that the bond, which is similar to a 20-year, fixed-interest-rate mortgage, is a "revenue bond" that's only secured by the revenues of the electric department. "It does not involve the rest of the city," he says. "It doesn't involve tax money or taxpayers' credit."

The six projects would remedy decades-old weaknesses while taking advantage of the nascent renewable-energy credit market, according to the bond proposal. The plans include power supply acquisitions, with an emphasis on in-state renewable energy; an equity investment in Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO); BED's share of the cost of the East Avenue Loop Transmission Upgrade; a nitrogen-oxide-reduction unit at the McNeil Generating Station; upgrades in kilovolt capacity; and burying the distribution lines along the Burlington Waterfront.

All of the projects are Grimes' darlings, but she's most excited about nitrogen oxide reduction at McNeil. The unit, which is comparable to a car's catalytic converter, will use heat and a 19 percent ammonia solution to scrub nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide from the woodchip plant's emissions. "This will bring our emissions to half of what they are today," Grimes says, "and in so doing we will be able to sell renewable-energy credits into the market."

In its current configuration, McNeil's emissions only allow it to sell Class 2 renewable-energy credits, which fetch a mere 50 cents per megawatt hour. After the unit is installed, McNeil will qualify as a Class 1 REC, which raises the price of the commodity to $50 per megawatt hour. "So it becomes a huge revenue stream," Grimes states, adding that the city anticipates the $4.5 million job will pay for itself in two years.

Old-fashioned redundancy is also in the offing, with a $5.4 million payment toward the East Avenue Loop Transmission Upgrade. This work will improve reliability in Burlington by providing a second loop to backfeed the city — only one line exists today. Burlington has been trying to get this done since 1958, Grimes notes. "Just to put it in perspective," she says, "the City of Rutland has three loops."

As part of the East Avenue upgrade, BED will build its own 34.5 kilovolt line to McNeil. Currently, the output from the woodchip plant travels over a line owned by Green Mountain Power. "That will save us $336,000 a year," Grimes says. It will also allow the department to abandon its wires and easements in Centennial Woods, and clean up the two wires along the Waterfront by getting rid of one and burying the other. Green Mountain Power will still have aboveground lines on the Waterfront, but they're scheduled for removal in a later phase, according to BED.

Along with prettying the Burlington picture, the bond includes funds to make it greener by investing in local renewable-energy projects such as biomass, wind and solar. Leopold says this will reduce the city's use of short-term energy contracts, which were the source of the rate hike two years ago. "So by buying power contracts long-term — we'll either be buying into a project or buying a life-of-the-unit contract for the output of that project — we stabilize costs," he explains.

BED hasn't heard any opposition to its proposals, but it's still getting the word out, and a full explanation of the projects will be in the department's newsletter this month. For Grimes, the decision to move forward is an easy one. "It's this very unique time that we have a package of very expensive capital projects," she says, "but revenues and savings that will not impact our electric rates." Leopold agrees. "It's not often you can undertake major projects," he suggests, "and have them actually pay for themselves." ⓪

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the recruitment office. Leavitt, 28, logged his hours via counter-recruitment paperwork for PJC's "Recruiting for Peace" campaign. Jennifer Berger, who runs that pacifist juggernaut, attended the protest and corroborates Leavitt's claim — minus the "throw" part.

Days after the November 30 protest, Williston police opened an internal investigation of Lavoie. Leavitt's claim was determined to be "unfounded," reports Chief James Dimmick, adding that the protestor hasn't filed a formal complaint. "If he has a complaint, he certainly can file it," the chief notes wryly. "I'd be interested to see what he puts on his sworn statement to us."

Praising the Williston PD's handling of the November event, Donovan says he didn't witness the alleged throw or kick. He also notes that freedoms of speech and assembly aren't "absolute rights."

Leavitt, a social worker, plans to file his complaint this week — he would have filed it earlier, he says, had he not been sidetracked by Vermont's legal process. Leavitt also claims the Williston PD singled him out with a "disorderly conduct" violation in addition to a "no trespass" one, to dissuade him from taking further action against the department.

"I'm not sure what 'disorderly conduct' looks like in a protest of 80 to 100 people ... that has bull horns and [is] chanting," Leavitt quips.

Last weekend, a counter-recruitment training in Montpelier was canceled due to inclement weather. But PJC's Berger assures it will be rescheduled. ⓪

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I continue to be very concerned about the partial and inaccurate information that anti-chloramine groups are presenting, and ask consumers to beware.

Sharon Moffatt, RN, MSN
BURLINGTON
Moffatt is the Vermont Commissioner of Health.

CHLORAMINE ALTERNATIVES
I commend Ken Picard for last week's news story, "Activated Lawmakers Criticize CDC's Chloramine Report" [News, January 23]. The story was thorough and clear about the political nuances. I would like to offer just one clarification. The story explained that the U.S. EPA "now recommends [chloramine] for use in all public water systems in the United States." The EPA *now* requires water districts to lower the levels of two disinfectant byproducts (DBPs) created by chlorine, to 60 ppm and 40 ppm. This ruling has caused many water systems to improve on their pre-filtration or to add an alternate disinfectant, as UV. The EPA has approved chloramine as one possible option, although there are others. Chloramine is the cheapest.

Not all water systems are affected by this ruling. An important point to note is that the Champlain Water District, which supplies water to nine Chittenden County cities/towns, has said that their water was in compliance with the EPA ruling at the time they changed to chloramine. The CWD explains their move to chloramine as an example of their being pro-active and trying to stay ahead.

Also, water districts that are able to lower their levels of those two DBPs even further than the mandate requires do, in turn, get a significant cost-saving break in water-monitoring requirements from the EPA. So, there are alternatives to chloramine that the CWD could use. Chloramine is not the only way.

Rebecca Rena
SOUTH BURLINGTON

YANKEE CLEAN-UP COSTLY
Nothing exposes the colossal failure of nuclear power better than decommissioning ["Mission Accomplished," December 12, 2007]. For all the assurances by Entergy and NRC that Vermont Yankee will have enough money in its decommissioning fund, don't be fooled. Every reactor before closure claimed that there were enough monies in the decommissioning fund to cover clean-up.

Reality proved those claims false. What's experienced are soaring decommissioning costs, with public utilities, ratepayers are charged for decommissioning costs on closed reactors. So should we believe Entergy's assurances? Not on your life. Recent examples should lead Vermonters to question just how expensive clean-up of this "clean" technology can be.

Yankee Rowe, a 185-megawatt reactor, cost $39 million to build; it has now reached over $725 million to clean up. This does not include the costs of maintaining the high-level nuclear waste on site for decades, if not centuries. Connecticut Yankee reactor in Haddam, CT, smaller than Vermont Yankee, in 2003 was estimated to cost over $500 million; it is now estimated to cost over $1 billion.

SAFSTOR will not save the state. If Entergy wins relicensing, not only will its decommissioning fund increase, so will its waste and clean-up costs. Closing Vermont Yankee in 2012 and employing the skilled workforce in a thorough clean-up of this highly contaminated site is a conservative solution to an insane problem. The idea that permitting Vermont Yankee to continue to operate and generate more waste to increase decommissioning funds to clean up an increasingly contaminated site is ludicrous.

Deb Katz
ROWE, MA
Katz is the executive director of Citizens Awareness Network.

POPULAR VOTE?
How about a yes or no (agree/disagree) electronic response available for we the public to chime in on music, food and art reviews online? That way we can see both what the people think and how close it is to what your reviewers think. People would have to actually read the reviews in order to respond intelligently. Just a thought. Thanks.

Bennett Shapiro
MIDDLESEX

THAT OTHER HORSE RACE
Tim Newcomb's editorial cartoon in *Seven Days* is the first feature I turn to every Wednesday. This week though, I was frankly only half pleased with Newcomb's offering ["Late for the Races," January 23].

The cartoon depicts the starting gate of the gubernatorial horse race with an equine Douglas and horsey Pollina awaiting the opening bell, with three vacant stalls marked "Democrat" gathering cobwebs alongside them.

O.K., Tim, I chuckled at that — but why isn't anyone pointing out the fact that neither the Progressives nor the George Bush Party have found a candidate to challenge Democratic incumbent Peter Welch for the U.S. House seat?

The congressional race is Vermont's only national contest that year and is at least as important a political race as the one for governor. Perhaps the absence of any viable challenger to Congressman Welch is a tacit admission that he's doing a darn finer job than the competition could hope to perform.

Robert Keady
COLCHESTER
Keady is Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Chittenden County.

GO NUCLEAR!
Why are hippies so happy that Yankee's closing? Nuclear power provides near carbon-free power (the fuel has to be shipped) and the waste can be reprocessed and recycled in a breeder reactor. We should be building more nuclear plants!

James Sergent
BURLINGTON

STAND BEHIND POLLINA
Anthony Pollina has done his part by declaring his candidacy early and unambiguously. Now it's up to the Democratic Party to stand aside and let the Progressives and Democrats unite around Pollina as our best candidate for governor.

To do otherwise is to reelect Jim Douglas back for another two years of stalling on initiatives for energy use, health care and education tax policy. We must unite behind Pollina instead of trotting out a Democrat to carry the flag. Pollina has the vision and courage we need right now.

Alex Brown
EAST MONTPELIER

WRONG READ ON PSYCHIC
I was deeply disappointed by the mischaracterizations in Matthew Scanlon's review of my St. Albans event ["Scene@ Intuitive Counselor and Medium Nan O'Brien's Anniversary Tour," January 30]. Instead of listing all of the reasons why, I thought it would be more objective to share the sentiments of several attendees.

The following comments are excerpts from a few of the unsolicited entries posted on my website's guest book (www.nanobrien.com):

D.: What a pleasure to have met you ... in St. Albans. Everything you said was so true.

Corey: Nan ... I came to see you in St. Albans ... thank you for sharing of yourself with such purity and love. You are a beautiful example of what it means to be living one's truth ... and you inspired so many of us that night.

Dee: I attended your St. Albans show ... and I was so deeply touched by your intuitiveness and grace.

Betty: My daughter and I attended your St. Albans show; I got to ask the first question of the night. WOW!

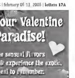
Another Stowe event attendee wrote:

Jasmine: I attended your event ... and was filled with a feeling of gratitude. Listening to you help heal others was amazing. It wasn't amazing in a "wow, that's cool" way, it was more like in a "miracle" way. ... When you spoke about contracts and spirits, I felt like I was finally coming home to a faith I believe in with all my heart.

My integrity is paramount to my life's work. Thank you for the opportunity to call to your attention the wide disparity between Mr. Scanlon's impressions and the impressions of others who attended.

Nan O'Brien
ESSEX JUNCTION

CORRECTION:
In our January 16 article "Homeland Security Pitches Pre-Written Articles to Media," we mistakenly misstated the first name of Kim Lehman, a spokesperson for the Pennsylvania-based Newman Group. Our apologies for the goof.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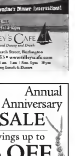
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Vermont Arts Council "Connects" With a New Statewide Project

BY PAMELA POLSTON

PUZZLE PIECE BY JANET VAN FLEET

Last year the **Vermont Arts Council** ran a statewide arts campaign called Palettes of Vermont, that engaged 118 organizations and 40,000 palette-painting participants in 247 of the state's 251 towns. (Aren't the other four ghost towns or something?) Most of those towns hosted painting-party workshops and exhibits of their palettes, and collectively raised some $300,000. On the heels of that happy success, this year's project, dubbed Art Fits Vermont, is a puzzle.

Literally.

"Since we accomplished all our goals last year, we took the time to think about whether we wanted a theme," says **Diane Scolaro**, communications and development director at the VAC. "The thing that was the most outstanding result was the connections between people — artists connecting with communities, communities with other communities, etc." Bingo. Nothing says connection more than puzzle pieces, right?

Beginning in April, participants will be given an outsized puzzle piece to decorate as they see fit. It's approximately 14 by 14 inches with "two innies and two outies," as Scolaro puts it, "so it's universally connectable." The **Vermont Wood Manufacturers** will provide about 8000 wood puzzle pieces, she explains. Another 50,000 paper versions will be made available to kids in school or summer camp programs. "So right there we're looking at almost 60,000 pieces," Scolaro adds.

The scope of the puzzle project is more ambitious in other ways, too: for starters, it will last 18 months rather than just a year. "The Lake Champlain Quadricentennial is an opportunity to showcase to a much larger audience," says Scolaro, who notes that on the weekend of July 4, 2009, "we'll put on 'Puzzlepalooza.' We'll line the lakeside with thousands of puzzle pieces."

The VAC is partnering with the state's tourism department to make sure visitors find out about puzzle events, too. And that's not all. This year, the neighbors are invited. Because of the Lake Champlain celebration, Scolaro says, "We will give puzzle pieces to artists in Quebec and New York, as well as France." France? *Mais oui* — the birthplace of explorer and lake namesake Samuel de Champlain, *n'est-ce pas?*

Though it may involve connecting puzzle pieces along the Burlington Bike Path, the grand finale of the project is still TBA. "Someone suggested getting puzzle pieces to cross the lake," Scolaro confides.

But first things must come first. Until March 26, VAC staffers will be hosting meetings in towns across the state to toss around ideas and network with community organizers. And then there's that all-important fundraising part. "In our endless quest for money, we're going to request $90,000 from the legislature," says Scolaro. "We saw last time those communities that participated were able to leverage income from the [Palettes] project. If we can get the legislature to invest, we're pretty sure the return on the investment will be worthwhile."

Either way, Art Fits Vermont will launch on April 16. To find out the meeting schedule or otherwise get involved in this project that's "bigger than the sum of its parts," visit www.vermontartscouncil.org.

FILM

Young Cinéaste Wins National Green Filmmaking Award

BY MARGOT HARRISON

For anyone who wants to create or preserve beauty, Vermont's landscape is inspiring. **Matt Merwin**, 21, of Castleton built a short film on that idea, and a jury on the West Coast agreed with him. The son of artist **Tom Merwin** and poet **Julie Merwin**, Merwin is currently studying film on a scholarship at Georgia's Savannah College of Art and Design. His 12-minute film "Internal Currents," which mixes nature images with footage of local artists plying their craft, just received the Aspiring/Young Filmmaker Award at the 2008 EarthVision International Environmental Film Festival, an annual competition headquartered in Santa Cruz.

The EarthVision Festival gives out awards in 12 categories each year to films that combine artistry with a message of "positive change for the planet." Past winners include last year's global warming doc *Everything's Cool*.

According to Merwin's press release, "for this film Matt climbed Camel's Hump, spelunked down caves located in a stand of old-growth trees in the middle of Robert Frost Forest, practiced Tai Chi at Button Bay on Lake Champlain and filmed a night firing at Robert Compton's pottery kiln." He also drew on the local talents of his dad, who contributed the image of a mural artist's handprint to the cave sequence, and Castleton State sociology prof **Phil Lamy**, drummer for the **Green Brothers Band**, who wrote a jazz score.

Reminiscent of the 1982 cult film *Koyaanisqatsi*, "Internal Currents" mesmerizes viewers with a wordless time-lapse montage that brings them from pristine mountaintops down to the sparkling waves of Lake Champlain. Toward the end, slightly sinister Boston skyscrapers appear.

Merwin uses a high-def digital camera to capture his vivid, sharp-edged images. Where many directors his age would be dropping references to Tarantino, he's all about Kurosawa, Fellini and Jackson Pollock. "I try to do as much painting as I possibly can with the cinematography, and Vermont's perfect for that," Merwin says. Influenced by Asian traditions, he adds, "I kind of throw away the idea of time. I try to take advantage of the moment as much as possible, because the moment is where the truth is."

That Zen-like ethos may have inspired his next project, a short documentary about Burlington Tai Chi master **Robert Boyd**. Merwin talks excitedly about returning to Vermont and getting Drawing Water Productions — a company he started with his parents — off the ground. With some local commercial work already under his belt, he hopes to sell his skills to "green" businesses.

He wants to get some friends from Savannah up here, too. Though Merwin expects to make useful contacts out West, he thinks things are changing in the film world, with inspiration and know-how moving out of the metropolis. "People in Hollywood are basically playing a numbers game with an art form," he says. "We've got to try to start moving energy from the inside of America." And when it comes to promoting the cause of the environment, he believes, "Filmmakers have a very loud voice."

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HISTORY

Abenaki Cultural Center Opens in East Montpelier

BY PATRICK TIMOTHY MULLIKIN

PHOTO: JEB WALLACE-BRODEUR

Were it not for Todd Hebert's Geronimo T-shirt, beaded-and-fringed buckskin jacket, and ball cap that reads, "Native American," most people would take the goateed, 36-year-old Persian Gulf vet for a native Vermonter. Of course, by definition he is! Hebert is one of some 5000 Abenakis in the region. He is also the curator of the new Ndakinna ("Our Land") Cultural Center and Museum on Rt. 2 in East Montpelier, through which he's determined to educate visitors on all things indigenous.

"What happened is, when I realized my [Abenaki] heritage a couple of years ago, I got interested in researching, and I found it was very hard to do," says Hebert, who also goes by the name Red Fox. His grandmother told him he had "Indian" in his background, but wouldn't elaborate.

The reason, Hebert discovered, was that Abenakis were among those sterilized in a eugenics program led by Henry Perkins of the University of Vermont. Five of Hebert's grand-aunts were sterilized, he says, and so his people did their best to keep their native heritage under wraps.

Red Fox, on the other hand, has embraced his newly discovered Abenaki roots. The museum and gift shop are his way to tell visitors the Abenaki story and to ensure the culture continues with future generations of Vermonters.

Hebert's humble museum/gift shop occupies the previous home of Danforth's Sugarhouse, once a popular tourist destination for the sugar-on-snow crowd. The well-stocked Craft Cooperative and Gift Shop upstairs still sells a few of the "white man's" wares — maple syrup and other Vermont-made products, along with bumper stickers and T-shirts.

You won't find rubber tomahawks or dyed turkey-feather headdresses, however. The Native American items here are genuine — Hebert makes the dream catchers and beaded necklaces and sells a variety of herbs and botanicals. His business partner Shirley Hook (a.k.a. Shining Eagle), also of Abenaki descent, is an artist specializing in Native American-inspired jewelry.

Not all the items in the shop are Abenaki, but that, Hebert hopes, will soon change as the craft cooperative recruits more Vermont members. Twenty-five percent of all gift shop sales go toward operating expenses. Hebert himself draws no salary, and he's applied for nonprofit status for the business.

The downstairs museum is free, though donations are welcomed. Hebert confesses it's still a work in progress. Still, visitors can get a cursory sampling of Abenaki lifestyle and culture. On display are baskets woven from black ash dating to the 1800s, which Hebert says, were most likely sold to tourists. There's a photograph of a label from a mid-1800s elixir with the delightful name "The Great Indian Blood Remedy," manufactured in St. Albans by an enterprising Abenaki. A few garments, including a ceremonial jingle dress, hang on the wall. The Smithsonian it's not, but what the museum lacks in substance Hebert makes up for with his enthusiasm.

The center, he says, will offer classes and workshops that promote Abenaki and Native American cultures. He's already held a drumming circle and plans to host a drum-making workshop. Once the snow melts, Hebert aims to build a wigwam nearby.

He's clearly a man on a mission. "I felt like I needed to follow my heritage," Hebert says. "I felt that people need to know and they need to have a resource to do that. That's why I decided to do this."

The Abenaki museum is open Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more info, visit www.Ndakinna.org.

DOING GOOD

Good News Garage Founder Makes Celeb Mag

BY PAMELA POLSTON

The late Heath Ledger still dominates the cover of *People*, but on page 88 of the current issue, Burlington's **Hal Colston** is the star of the magazine's "Heroes Among Us" feature. He's tucked between an article on the formerly anorexic Miss America and a page of colorful gowns spotted at the SAG Awards. Tall, handsome and clad in casual navy shirt and slacks, the 54-year-old founder of Good News Garage does not look out of place among the hot celebs (I peg Morgan Freeman to play him if filmmakers come calling.)

But Colston, of course, has no Hollywood pretensions; he's too busy following his latest altruistic vision, NeighborKeepers, a life-mentoring program for community folks. *People* raves about his first enterprise, though, and for good reason. "About a thousand cars a year are donated [to Good News Garage]," says **Carmen George**, GNG's Burlington-based marketing and development manager. The autos are in turn rejuvenated and passed on to needy recipients for the purpose of getting to jobs — one necessary ingredient in getting off welfare. George assures that no one from the Burlington office nominated Colston. "He's helped so many people, it could be anybody," she says.

HAL COLSTON

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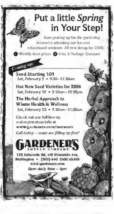
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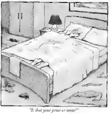

"Is that your penis or mine?"

the straight dope BY CECIL ADAMS

ALL WORTHWHILE HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

ILLUSTRATION: SLUG SIGNORINO

Dear Cecil:
A while back, my friends and I were discussing ways in which a suicidal person might still get their life-insurance payout. One option that came up was to be executed by the state. Would a life-insurance company pay out a policy if one were executed for a crime? How about if one is gunned down during the course of committing a crime? Also: Would it be possible for someone on death row to get a life insurance policy?
Matt Wilson

Besides being 100 percent insane, not to mention wildly immoral (they don't give out the death penalty for mail fraud, you know), the scheme you're discussing addresses an issue that doesn't exist. The underlying assumption here — that life insurance providers won't pay out in cases of suicide — isn't accurate, or at least isn't accurate anymore.

Let's lay some groundwork here. While insurance companies hate to part with a buck if they don't have to, they concluded long ago it was bad for business if the public saw them as weasels who routinely tried to get out of honoring their commitments. To reassure potential customers that this wasn't the case, in the mid-to-late 1800s they developed the incontestability clause, which limits the amount of time the company gets to uncover and object to problems with statements made in the policyholder's application. Once the specified period is over the company generally has to honor the policy.

A related change had to do with how insurers dealt with suicide. It used to be that policies regularly contained an open-ended exclusion for suicide — if the insured offed himself, regardless of how long after purchasing coverage, the insurer didn't have to pay. But there are conflicting public policy positions here. One, long espoused by insurance companies, is that it's wrong to create an economic incentive for suicide by paying off beneficiaries. The other, ultimately adopted by most courts and state legislatures, argues that it's wronger to tell the grieving family they won't be seeing any insurance money because their loved one chose to take his life.

After much litigation, the suicide exclusion has now been limited in most cases to two years, research having indicated that such a period is long enough to weed out those who buy life insurance with the specific intention of killing themselves thereafter.

So: if someone does himself in more than two years after his life policy took effect, the insurer typically will pay. If the death takes place within two years of the start date, though, and the insurance company can prove it's suicide, not an accident — as with these exclusions, the burden's on them — they'll usually return any premiums that were paid, but that's it.

OK, but what if your hypothetical suicidal policyholder nonetheless insists on doing what you describe — ending his life by committing a crime and either being killed in the process of getting arrested, or convicted and executed? As with suicide, insurers used to exclude death resulting from the commission of a felony, which was usually held to include execution. Nowadays, however, most large insurers will cover any death after the two-year suicide exclusion is up (assuming the policy isn't specifically limited to accidental death), so as long as the beneficiary doesn't aid in the crime, the insurance company will likely pay out.

Things get more complicated if the crime and resulting death transpire before the exclusion ends, as the insurer could try to prove that the perp was contemplating that scheme when he bought the policy. It's notoriously difficult to establish the state of mind of someone who's no longer around to answer questions, but if it could be demonstrated that the policyholder had, say, asked a syndicated columnist about the feasibility of such a racket, that'd probably look a little fishy.

I should point out that legal rulings have hardly been unanimous when addressing such matters, and in recent years there just haven't been that many cases involving life-insurance payouts following felony-related deaths — perhaps because the people involved tend to be poorer than average and unlikely to put any discretionary income into a life policy. And since specifics vary from state to state and policy to policy, anyone thinking along these lines will have an awful lot of fine print to read.

As for that last question, insurers have been studying mortality rates for a while now and have a pretty good idea of how to play the odds for most groups of people. When dealing with those whose habits (e.g., smoking), hobbies (skydiving), or jobs (stunt driving) make them a worse bet to live long lives, the insurer can refuse to offer coverage or jack up the premiums until the math looks OK. So if you're a death-row inmate and you do find someone who'll sell you a policy, I can pretty much guarantee that you won't like the rates.

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BY ROLAND SWEET

NEWS ITEMS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE

ODD, STRANGE, CURIOUS AND WEIRD BUT TRUE

Curses, Foiled Again After reporting the theft of video games, a compact disc player, camera equipment, clothing and a video camera from her car in Idaho Falls, Idaho, a woman received a videotaped message from the thief demanding a $3000 ransom for her video games. The victim was unable to comply because the masked thief forgot to include instructions for delivering the money. "We're not dealing with brain surgeons here," police Lt. Joe Cawley observed.

• Police said Keith Allen Sturgill, 35, tried to rob a fast-food restaurant in Columbus, Ohio, but had to wait because the safe was on a timer. When the restaurant's phone and an employee's cell phone rang at the same time, Sturgill shouted that he'd shoot anyone who answered. His loud voice activated the employee's Bluetooth, however, and her caller heard the robber yelling in the background and notified police.

• After die-hard Baltimore Ravens fan Ron Stach, 41, vowed to remain on the roof of a city bar until his team won a game, he attracted media attention as the "Goof on the Roof." For the next two weeks, local television showed him sharing drinks with fellow Ravens fans and boasting of spending hundreds of dollars on Ravens memorabilia. The publicity caught the attention of Stach's ex-wife, who alerted authorities of an outstanding warrant for failing to pay more than $34,000 in child support. "I tell you what," bar owner Darren Petty said after police arrested Stach, "Any goof who wants to go on this roof, we're going to do a background check from now on."

No Sweet A Swedish real estate firm announced plans to heat its new office building with the body heat from a quarter-million rail commuters. Pointing out that body heat already warms Stockholm's central train station, which sits below the site of the proposed 43,000-square-foot building, the real estate firm Jernhusen said that instead of venting the surplus body heat, it would spend $31,200 to install "a few pumps and pipes" to redirect it and provide as much as 15 percent of the new building's heating capacity.

Expect the Unexpected Fire destroyed a fire station in Pickering, Mo., and burned at least $100,000 worth of fire trucks and equipment, according to officials, who blamed the blaze on a propane space heater.

• Sixteen Polish military officers returning from a flight safety conference in Warsaw perished when their plane crashed while landing at an airstrip in Mirosławiec. Polish news media declared the crash one of the worst military disasters in more than three decades.

• Hector "Big Weasel" Marroquin, 51, a self-proclaimed former Los Angeles gang member who ran an anti-gun organization that received $1.5 million from the city to reduce gun and gang violence, received an eight-year prison sentence for selling assault weapons during an undercover sting.

Homeland Insecurity The FBI was forced to curtail wiretaps intended to deter terrorist attacks because telephone companies discontinued service after the agency repeatedly failed to pay its bills on time, according to the Justice Department's Office of Inspector General. Its audit found that more than half the 990 telecommunications surveillance payments made by five FBI field divisions were late, resulting in "lost evidence, including an instance where delivery of intercept information required by a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act order was halted due to untimely payment." One field division had $66,000 in unpaid bills, Inspector General Glenn A. Fine told the *Washington Times*. Michael German, national security policy counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, pointed out the phone companies, who claimed "they were just being good patriots" when they allowed the government to spy on us without warrants, "are more than willing to pull the plug on national security investigations when the government falls behind on its bills."

Head Games Rhode Island's Department of Health fined Rhode Island Hospital $50,000 after doctors performed brain surgery on the wrong side of a patient's head for the third time in one year.

Worth Less Than U.S. Dollars (So Far) Hoping to end chronic cash shortages amid rampant inflation, *Zimbabwe's* central bank issued a $10 million bill. The banknote is worth US$5 on the black market in Harare, the capital, where a hamburger at an ordinary cafe costs 15 million Zimbabwe dollars. Reserve Bank Governor Gideon Gono conceded that issuing the higher denomination bill might tempt businesses to raise the price of scarce goods in the country, where the official inflation rate is 25,000 percent, although independent financial institutions insist it's really closer to 150,000 percent.

It's a Virtual World After All Two South Korean firms have developed a robot that can clean a house and guard it. KTF, which provided wireless-phone technology, and Yujin Robot, which developed the hardware and software, said owners of the Iclebo could use their wireless phone keypads to control it to vacuum the house and program it to send an alarm signal to the phone when it detects a break-in. The companies plan to sell the robot for $546.

• The Japanese robot maker Kokoro Company Ltd. unveiled a robot for training dental students. Kokoro official Tatsuo Matsuzaki explained the 5-foot-3 robot, named "Simroid," can listen to instructions and react to pain from dental drills by saying "it hurts" or moving its eyes or hands. Simroid, which resembles an attractive young woman, also has a sensor in the breast area to detect when it has been touched inappropriately.

• Japan's Secom Co. introduced its *My Spoon* feeding robot, which uses a spoon-and-fork-fitted swiveling arm to help elderly or disabled people eat without human assistance. "It's all about empowering people to help themselves," developer Shigehisa Kobayashi said, noting the Tokyo-based company has sold 300 of the robots at $3,500 each.

Mortgage Market Update

Mark R. [illegible] VP

FED CUTS VS. MORTGAGE RATES

You may have noted the endless news stories regarding mortgage rates being down due to the recent and pending Fed cuts. Unfortunately, the press often misinterprets the facts regarding how Fed cuts affect mortgage rates. Here is the way things really work: Fed cuts and mortgage rates are not directly related. In fact, when the Fed cuts short term rates, mortgage rates frequently spike as stocks often rally on the news (pulling money from bonds and mortgage backed securities). Aggressive cuts can also spark the fear of inflation which eats away at the value of bonds (pushing rates even higher). The Fed rate cuts directly affect the Prime rate only. The Prime rate is the short term rate that most home equity loans and credit card rates are tied to. Long story short, mortgage rates are volatile but have been up a bit recently due to the fed cuts and the proposed stimulus package.

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EILEEN MCKUSICK PERFORMING SOUND THERAPY ON BETH POULIN

Good Vibrations

Chronic fatigue? Depression? Back pain? Listen, maybe it's time to face the music. Sound therapist Eileen McKusick, 39, practices what she calls "harmonic balancing" by using acoustic resonators to diagnose and treat everything from blocked tear ducts to tight shoulders to vertigo.

NAME **Eileen McKusick**
JOB **Sound Therapist**
LOCATIONS **Johnson and Stowe**

IMAGE **Jeb Wallace-Brodeur**

Born and raised in Pomfret, Connecticut, McKusick was once wound up in 100-hour work weeks — she and her siblings opened Pomfret's popular Vanilla Bean Cafe in 1989. But 12 years ago, McKusick switched from dinner forks to tuning forks. At first, harmonic balancing was just a hobby, something to do while she tried her hand at biodiesel and organic kettle corn start-ups. In 2002, though, McKusick moved with her husband and two children to Vermont and began studying wellness and alternative medicine at Johnson State College.

Now she practices harmonic balancing full-time from offices in Johnson and Stowe. Each hour-long session — McKusick suggests a minimum of two — costs $60. Recently, *Seven Days* tuned in to McKusick's explanation of how sound therapy works.

SEVEN DAYS: So, what exactly is harmonic balancing sound therapy?

EILEEN MCKUSICK: I use the major scale of tuning forks — C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C — to give people tune-ups. Each one of those notes resonates with one of the chakras. The person is on a massage table, fully clothed. I'll strike the fork, introduce it into the person's field and listen to what's going on. Your energy should be along the center line — that's where all the chakras live when they're in balance — but when people are subject to trauma, their energy system gets out of whack. As the tuning forks pass through the energy field, they provide acoustical feedback.

SD: OK . . .

EM: I've always been very intuitive and psychic. When I was a teenager I used to read Tarot cards and palms, so I've always had that natural gift. So I've created a map of the "acoustic anatomy." It shows that wherever you have energy out in any place in the body, it relates to something, such as guilt or grief. Guilt hangs out in the right side of the second chakra and anger is on the left side.

In most people, especially women, the second and fifth chakras tend to be the messiest. And if people can't deal with a certain emotion or issue, they'll actually put it off their body into their field. Once I find things in the wrong places, I do a "click, drag and drop." I use intention and the sound of the forks to coax the body and return energy to the center.

SD: What are the sounds like?

EM: They play outside of the note, like a "waaahhh" or a "wauh" or a "woo-woo-woo," which is what fear sounds like. So if someone has a fear around expressing themselves, I'll be holding a tuning fork above the throat chakra and hear "woo-woo-woo." As I support the body in tuning itself, the tone will change and become throatier and more in the center of the pitch. That's something that people can really hear. Then we explore together what resolution of the issue might be, what their homework might be.

SD: How did you get into sound therapy?

EM: In the mid 1990s, I became interested in color, sound and healing. That whole sort of quantum reality was dawning on me about how everything is vibration and frequency. So if everything is vibration and *we're* vibration, then [sound therapy] seems like the most elegant way to assist in harmonizing.

On impulse, I bought a set of tuning forks from a catalogue as a hobby. Because I was raised in a family of entrepreneurs, I felt like I needed to make my living through business. I'm a little embarrassed about what I do, because not only do I use tuning forks but I use crystals as well. I've never wanted to be perceived as a crystal-packing New Age healer. But when my kettle corn business wasn't taking off, I thought, "Maybe my path really lies in healing arts. I know that it works beautifully and I know that I love doing it, and I know the world needs more harmony than it does snack foods."

SD: What are people's reactions when you explain what you do?

EM: I'm a little bit shy about it, because it's outside of most people's ordinary way of thinking. If I'm at a cocktail party and I say, "Oh, I'm a sound therapist," I have to explain quantum reality. It's a really big conversation and a lot of times I don't even go there. But most people are pretty open-minded — in Vermont. And with movies like *What the Bleep Do We Know!?* and *The Secret*, more and more people are getting that everything is vibration.

SD: And what are clients' reactions during a session?

EM: For some reason, the pure tones of tuning forks stimulate the production of nitric oxide in the body, which sends messages to the blood vessels to dilate and to the muscles to relax. It's a free-radical scavenger, so it boosts the immune system. Physically, people get very relaxed — blood pressure goes down, respiration gets more rhythmic and natural, muscles relax, and then the immune system gets a boost. A lot of people who've tripped — done mushrooms or acid — will tell me that it almost feels trippy: good trippy, that they get really high and quiet inside. Other people tell me, "I don't even have words to describe that feeling." You feel profoundly peaceful, profoundly centered, awake and alive and aware.

SD: Is there anybody you won't treat or can't treat?

EM: My children. Or even my husband. With immediate family you're better off having somebody else work on them. But what's so wonderful about sound is that it's totally noninvasive. I have yet to discover any kind of situation where there might be a contraindication.

SD: Do you listen to music to relax after work?

EM: I'm not terribly inclined towards music, actually. I don't have a music collection. I like silence.

hackie BY JERNIGAN PONTIAC

Plan A

Can't get enough Hackie? Check out Jernigan's blog at 7dblogs.com/hackie

Everything slows down in January, so my hopes were not high for the evening Amtrak arrival. *Perhaps a stray student, or some local who extended his or her Christmas vacation* — such were my wishful thoughts. Like a deer scratching the frozen tundra in quest of a few withered shrubs, I'm forced to grind it out through these sparse periods to maintain at least a meager cash flow.

When the train chugged to a stop, just a handful of travelers disembarked. Luckily, one of them needed a cab, and I was Johnny-on-the-spot, helping him load his two suitcases and one duffel bag into my vehicle. After I offered, the man took a seat in the front with me.

He looked about 30 and wore tan pants and a bulky green sweater under a dungaree jacket. On his head sat a white N.Y. Giants baseball cap. It irks me that they're called the *New York* Giants — they play their home games in New Jersey, for crying out loud. But that's just residual angst from my New York roots; now, like all good New Englanders, I'm a Pats fan.

"I need to get to — hang on a sec, let me get the exact address." The man extracted a piece of white paper from a jacket pocket. "OK — it's 11 East Allen Street in Winooski."

The living situation in Rutland was nothing like this woman had described it. Things went from bad to worse real quick.

"Eleven East Allen," I repeated as we got underway. "Yeah, all right — that would be the Winooski Block. That's a cool old apartment house."

"Block" has a different meaning up here from in New York City, where the word describes a square or rectangle of homes formed by the intersection of streets and avenues. In Vermont, a "block" refers to an oversized apartment building. I have the sense that the construction of a substantial edifice of this type was a source of great pride to the original owner. Large block letters toward the top of the Winooski building's façade read *WINOOSKI BLOCK, 1867*. A carved white eagle perches above the words, its arms-spread wings a monarch's robe as it majestically gazes down on us. I think that says it all.

"If you say so," the man replied. "I rented the place sight unseen. I had to get out of a bad situation in Rutland."

"Is that where you're from?"

"No. I actually left a Wall Street job — nothing major, just a pencil pusher. Anyway, that was about a month ago. I came up to move in with a woman I met on the Internet. I guess I knew how risky that was, but I needed to get out of New York before I totally cracked up. The living situation in Rutland was nothing like that woman had described it. Things went from bad to worse real quick. Suffice it to say there were random people hanging around and drugs I'd never heard of before. That's when I decided to give it a go in the Burlington area."

Slicing through the cold night air, we sped along Route 15, passing the fairgrounds and the glass-walled Harley-Davidson dealership. A row of the big choppers — known affectionately as "hogs" by generations of bikers — glowed in the illuminated showroom, glowering at the passing traffic like so many caged tigers. With my over-active imagination, I swear I could hear the unmistakable *chunka-chunka* of their gleaming V-Twin engines in idle — staying warm, awaiting the spring.

Back to reality, I asked, "Do you have any people in town? You know — I mean, friends or relatives."

"No, not really. I'm a little familiar with Burlington, though. I was a Deaniac in 2003 and lived up here for a couple of months. The campaign rented a big old house for the volunteers located on — what was it? — Intervale Avenue maybe?"

"That's cool. Man, Howard Dean really gave it a run for the money for a while. You got to give the guy credit. Hey, maybe you can connect with some of the old campaign folks from back then."

"Maybe," he agreed, though it seemed more out of conversational politeness than any real connection.

"You got any work lined up?"

"No, I just want to get settled in Vermont. I'll probably just take a Mickey D's job to start out. The main thing is, I'm out of New York, and for that I'm grateful."

For the remainder of the ride, I pointed out landmarks, like the Fort and St. Michael's College. As we came down the hill, I told him about the revitalization of downtown Winooski and all the grand new buildings along the town's waterfront.

The Winooski Block rose ahead. "Let me take you around the back," I said. "I believe that's where the entrances to the apartments are located."

We got the bags out of the taxi, and the guy thanked me and paid the fare. Handing me a nice tip, he added, "Thanks for doing the tour-guide thing on the trip over."

"Oh, no problem," I smiled at him. "I appreciate you saying that, though. Sometimes I don't know if I'm being a typical overbearing cabbie."

"Well, I want to learn everything about this town. You see, I want to be here for the rest of my life. There really is no Plan B." Ⓓ

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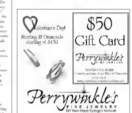

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OFF THE CHARTS

Hospital admissions and lengths of stay vary widely in Vermont, and a new report asks why

by Ken Picard

You've got a nasty infection — the worst kind, so you go to the ER. The doctor examines you, shoots you up with antibiotics, and sends you home with instructions to visit your primary physician for follow-up. Then you talk to your friend who lives a couple of hours to the south. Something like that happened to him last month, he says — only his hospital admitted him for overnight observation. They ran a lot more tests and had him see a specialist, too.

Everyone can cite anecdotal differences between this hospital and that hospital. Question is, what's behind those differences? And, more important, which patient is ultimately getting better care, the one [illegible] or the one who's sent home?

The second question's a toughie. But an answer to the first one comes from a new "white paper" that examines recent data on the rates at which Vermonters are hospitalized and their average lengths of stay. The short answer: In health care, as in retail, it's all about location. In Vermont, the likelihood that you'll be admitted to a hospital, the procedures you'll get and how long you'll stay often have as much to do with where you live as with your health.

The statistics, culled from the Vermont Department of Health and the Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration, reveal significant variations from region to region at Vermont's 14 community hospitals. Moreover, those variations appear in very consistent even when the numbers are adjusted for differences in the size, average age and health status of the patient populations. Adjusting the data for age, a key indicator of how sick a patient is likely to be, is particularly important because it directly contradicts the explanations some hospital administrators offer for the rates of their institutions.

The white paper — titled "High Use in Vermont Hospitals: Is Costly, But Is It All Necessary?" — was released this week by [illegible] health-care consultant Jeanne Keller, of Keller and Fuller, Inc. Examining data from 2005, the last year for which figures are available, Keller found the residents of the Rutland hospital service area (HSA) were admitted at a rate of 109.3 hospital stays for every 1000 residents — considerably higher than the statewide average of 85.7 admissions per 1000 residents. Residents of the Morrisville HSA were admitted at the lowest rate in Vermont — 73.9 per 1000 residents. Burlington-area residents were hospitalized far less frequently than the statewide average, at a rate of 77.8.

Keller also found that people who lived near hospitals with higher rates of admission tended to spend more time in those hospitals. For instance, patients in the Rutland area collectively spent about 538 days in the hospital for every 1000 residents; those in Springfield spent 448 days, Bennington, theirs 442 days. Those average lengths of stay were considerably longer than the statewide average of 358 days. Vermonters served by the two largest hospitals in the region — Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. — spent far less time in the hospital than the statewide average — 379 and 355 days, respectively.

Keller's white paper asks more questions than it answers. But she says that's the point: to lay the groundwork for more detailed investigation and analysis. Regardless of the cause, these findings have serious ramifications as lawmakers look for new ways to expand health-care coverage to more and more Vermonters. And these numbers are particularly relevant now that Vermont's per-capita medical costs are rising *at the highest rate of any state in the country*, according to the latest figures from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Keller wants to pose some hard questions about what's driving these regional differences and what they're costing Vermonters in terms of patient safety, decreased productivity and diminished quality of life. Getting back to our anecdote: Is the higher rate of hospitalization in your friend's community a sign of underlying public-health problems there, or an indicator of an overly aggressive style of medical care? Conversely, if you live in a community with much lower rates of admission and shorter hospital stays, such as Morrisville and Randolph, are you not getting the level of medical care you need?

Keller theorizes that the introduction of new medical services at some hospitals — such as specialized-care units and state-of-the-art diagnostic and imaging equipment — could be creating pressure to attract more patients to those hospitals and keep them there longer. She cites data that people in high-use areas may be subjected to "unnecessary" and "dangerous" medical and surgical procedures, including the added risks of infection and medical errors.

Considerable research done by the Center for Health Policy Research at Dartmouth Medical School suggests that patients who receive more aggressive care don't always fare better. In fact, quite often they fare much worse. As one Dartmouth-Hitchcock researcher puts it, "Hospitals can be dangerous places, especially if you don't need to be there."

Ultimately, Keller suggests that "high use" regions should bear the ultimate responsibility for (and cost of) these variations in hospital care, especially considering their financial impact on public and privately funded insurance plans. According to her calculations, if patients in Vermont's three "high-use areas" — i.e., Rutland, Springfield and Bennington — had been hospitalized at a rate comparable to the statewide average in 2005, the savings would have totaled $28.6 million.

The knottier problem we've got, Keller says, is that not only is the state given the job, the responsibility or is held accountable for asking those questions — and then getting them answered. She suggests creating an independent body similar to the "think tanks" in other states, that would routinely examine these numbers on behalf of the public, then challenge hospitals that may be providing inappropriate care.

But not so fast, say several spokespeople for the hospitals and the state's hospital association. They contend that those figures, though beneficial for certain statewide comparisons, don't necessarily tell the whole story. They argue that it's not always useful, or even fair, to compare one Vermont hospital to another, since they differ so much from one another in size, budgets, services offered and populations served.

Kevin Robinson is communications director for Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) in Bennington, a hospital service area that ranks near the top for admission rates and average lengths of patient stays. Robinson, who spent a lot of time with *Seven Days* trying to tease out what he argues high numbers mean, suggests underlying demographic factors should be considered as well.

"In some respects, it's apples and oranges," Robinson says. "I'm not sure it's fair to compare a Fletcher Allen to a Copley [Hospital]." Copley, a 65-bed community hospital in Morrisville, had the lowest rates of admission and the shortest patient stays of any hospital in the state. In contrast, Fletcher Allen is a 500-bed, tertiary-care medical center. It has the third-lowest rate of admissions in the state.

To account for the high percentage of patients admitted at SVMC through its emergency department, Robinson points to the relatively large number of nursing-home beds in the Bennington area, including the Vermont Veterans Home. According to the white paper, Bennington has the highest rate in Vermont — 68 percent — of patients hospitalized through the ED. That's well above the statewide average of 48 percent in 2005.

The availability of good hospice care is one factor that can affect patient stays. Robinson suggests that, with relatively few such options, Bennington-area residents may seek end-of-life care in the hospital rather than at home. Income level is another piece of the puzzle. While poorer communities tend to have more ailments than wealthier ones, Robinson says low-income people often lack the means to get to the hospital, which may keep their admission rates down.

"At the end of the day, these numbers probably tell you as much about the population as they do about a particular hospital," Robinson says. "Admissions to the hospital are based on clinical criteria. Someone shows up at the hospital and they're sick, and the doctor assessing them decides whether they need to be hospitalized." SVMC has clinical care managers who review all admissions. Robinson says they've seen "no indication" that Southwestern is admitting patients who don't need to be there.

Other hospitals offer similar explanations. Larry Jones is vice president for corporate development at Rutland Regional Medical Center. As he puts it, "Generally speaking, hospitals don't admit patients. Doctors do."

Jones says he's seen the numbers Keller based her report on, and agrees they are "interesting, eye-opening figures." However, like Robinson, he suggests the numbers say more about the doctors and patients in the Rutland community than about the hospital itself. As he points out, more than 60 percent of Rutland Regional's patients are on Medicare or Medicaid, which could speak to the level of primary care they receive.

Jones confirms that Rutland Regional has been the site of significant capital projects and growth in recent years, including a new CT scan, an $8 million emergency department overhaul and a newly proposed $25 million oncology unit. However, he discounts Keller's suggestion that Rutland's high rates of hospitalization and longer patient stays are a sign of "unwarranted admissions" or "unnecessary procedures."

"We have conducted a number of improvement projects around lowering the length of [patient] stays," Jones says, "and we continue to follow our lengths of stay very closely." He adds that those projects were implemented only in the last two years — so any declines in Rutland's rates wouldn't be reflected in 2005 figures.

Bea Grause is president and CEO of the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. She has also seen the state figures Keller quotes. But she agrees with Jones and Robinson that there are other possible explanations for those regional variations. They could include the mix of professionals in the hospital, differing physician practices, the number of discharge coordinators and nurse staffing.

"Ultimately, it's the physician who decides to admit," Grause says. "They don't seek approval from a hospital CEO or administrator."

But Keller contends that, quite the contrary, hospital boards and administrators are the ones who set the standards of care for their own facilities, and they decide which physicians are granted admitting privileges. By and large, she says, Vermont's hospitals really only compete with one another in the marketplace of public opinion. As a result, if some doctors and emergency departments are more inclined than others to fill empty beds and perform costly and potentially unnecessary tests and procedures, only "benchmark" [illegible] will make them re-examine their medical practices and reform their ways.

Keller is a well-known healthcare policy analyst and [illegible] whose work over the years has led to a number of [illegible] policy reforms on behalf of Vermont consumers. She has also long been a thorn in the side of the state's hospital industry, and her white paper will undoubtedly be greeted in some circles with a degree of skepticism.

In 2005, for instance, Keller was instrumental in the passage of Act 53, which forced hospitals to publish annual "community report cards" on patient safety, infection rates, nurse staffing levels and other safety and financial indicators. Eight years ago, Keller worked with Rep. Anne Donahue (R-Northfield) to help uncover the financial irregularities and cost overruns on Fletcher Allen's "Renaissance Project," which cost Vermont taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

Most recently, Keller pushed lawmakers to include an "adverse event reporting" provision in last year's Catamount Health legislation. Under that provision, which took effect January 1, hospitals are now required to notify the state health department within 48 hours of certain preventable medical errors — such as leaving a sponge inside a surgical patient, performing an operation on the wrong patient or body part, or sending a newborn home with the wrong parents.

As it happens, Keller's findings in that white paper are neither new nor groundbreaking. Medical researchers have known for decades that, as one doctor put it, "geography is destiny." In other words, where a patient lives is frequently a determining factor in both the quality and quantity of care he or she receives. And the health-care industry owes this discovery — now an entire field of medical research known as "small area variation analysis" — to a Vermont physician who figured it out more than 30 years ago simply by looking at childbirth trends.

In the early 1970s Dr. John "Jack" Wennberg was director of the entire Regional

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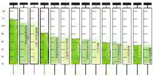

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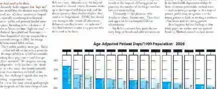

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Medical Program at the University of Vermont. Wennberg lived halfway between Stowe and Waterbury, where he had children attending public school. At the time, only about 20 percent of the children in that school district had their tonsils removed by the time they were 15.

Curiously, Wennberg discovered that the situation was dramatically different just down the road in Stowe, where about 70 percent of all schoolchildren had their tonsils out by that age. Since there were no significant environmental, demographic or sociological factors to account for these geographic differences, Wennberg eventually reached the conclusion that the higher rates of tonsillectomies in some communities were driven by, in his words, "supplier induced demand." In short, it was the prevalence of certain types of medical specialists — namely, surgeons — in those communities that led to more frequent tonsil snipping.

But Wennberg didn't end his research at children's throats. He later uncovered significant regional variations for other medical and surgical procedures, including appendectomies, gall bladder removals, hysterectomies and Cesarean sections. For instance, he and fellow researcher Alan Gittelsohn discovered that in certain towns in Maine, men were four times more likely to have their prostate removed by age 80 than men in other towns. Likewise, doctors in New Haven, Connecticut, were twice as likely to perform heart bypass surgeries as those in Boston.

It was just a matter of time before the media picked up on Wennberg's research. In 1984, WCAX TV in Burlington ran a 25-part series called "Patterns of Practice," which explored the wide disparities among Vermont hospitals in length of patient stays and frequency of certain surgical procedures. When it was revealed that hysterectomies were far more common in St. Albans than elsewhere in Vermont, reporter Hamilton Davis quipped that there probably wasn't a 52-year-old uterus left in Franklin County. "Patterns of Practice" earned the station a Peabody Award and spurred a statewide investigation. Its findings eventually led to a 20 percent decline in average patient stays at hospitals throughout the Green Mountain State.

But 24 years later, not much has changed, Keller asserts. While the state continues to compile and publish these statistics — at significant cost to taxpayers — no independent body or state agency is charged with the task of analyzing them and then doing something about them.

"When is someone going to pay attention?" Keller asks. "This is how we can get a handle on health-care costs. There is still so much low-hanging fruit to pick before we start denying people necessary care."

Dian Kahn, director of analysis and data management with the Vermont Division of Health Care Administration, agrees. As the person responsible for compiling these figures each year, she admits that it's beyond the scope of her job to analyze what these numbers actually *mean*. "I think [these data] are a good way to show that there's something here we need to look at more closely," Kahn says. "It's a way to bring good research and policy questions to the surface."

Equally important, Vermont could use these findings to avoid millions of dollars in potentially unnecessary, and possibly even dangerous, medical procedures and hospital stays.

Dr. Elliott Fisher is director of the research center and the principal investigator on the Dartmouth Atlas Project — a program co-founded by Jack Wennberg that conducts comparative analyses among the nation's 4700 or so hospitals.

Seven Days spoke to Fisher last week about the data Keller uncovered and asked him whether he thinks Vermont's different rates of admission and average patient stays are driven by health factors within each community, or by forces at the hospitals themselves. Since Fisher had not seen Keller's report, he couldn't comment specifically on her numbers. And based on the research he's done in other parts of the country, he says there probably are some slight regional differences in health status from one community to another.

That said, Fisher doesn't believe such differences account for the large variations in hospitalization rates and lengths of

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patient stays in the Vermont data. In fact, his research has found "pretty good evidence" that the number of hospital beds in a given area, relative to the size of the population, is often a "powerful influence" on how much that hospital is used. In other words, if you build the beds, patients will come.

In one study, for example, Fisher compared hospital usage in Sacramento, California — a city with few hospital beds relative to its size — to Los Angeles, an area with many hospitals and physicians. He found that the medical resources in Los Angeles were being used at a 60 percent higher rate than those in Sacramento. The potential savings to taxpayers over the five-year period of his study could have been "enormous." Medicare would have saved $17 billion if L.A. alone had its pattern of care mirrored that in Sacramento.

Moreover, Fisher's research with Wennberg has repeatedly shown that more aggressive care doesn't lead to better patient outcomes. In another study, the researchers contrasted Medicare spending on chronically ill patients in New York City and Miami with spending on similar patients in Salt Lake City and Rochester, Minnesota. Researchers found that patients in NYC and Miami who received more aggressive (and expensive) care fared no better than those in Salt Lake City and Rochester. Often, their outcomes were much worse.

Fisher blames the current system of hospital reimbursement, which acts as a disincentive for hospitals to keep their admission rates down and focus on patients' overall health. "We know that hospitals cannot afford to keep beds staffed and empty," he says. "Right now hospitals are punished if they keep people out of the hospital." And, under Vermont's current system of hospital budgeting, "If you don't meet your revenue targets, you're not going to make your bond payments."

For her part, Keller sees these numbers as a useful tool for lawmakers, especially as they consider a bill — H.304 — that would create a statewide hospital insurance plan and cap hospitals' annual rate of growth. Keller argues that the bill, though well intentioned, does little to address the underlying forces that are driving up health-care costs. In 1991, Vermont's per capita health-care spending was 82 percent of the national average. In 2004, it was 115 percent. Neither the age of Vermont's population nor the health status of Vermonters can explain that rapid rate of growth.

"Just like we need someone to make sure that our water is clean every day, we need to make sure that we're not being hospitalized unnecessarily," Keller concludes. "And if it's not the government, it's going to be the insurance companies. Which one do you think the people will prefer?" ⓥ

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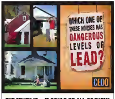

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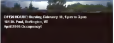

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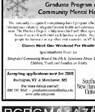
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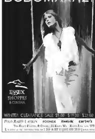
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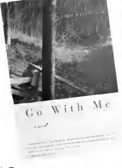

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Country for Old Men

Book review: *Go With Me*

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Go With Me by Castle Freeman Jr. Steerforth Press, 178 pages. $21.95.

Castle Freeman Jr. reads from *Go With Me* on Thursday, January [illegible] at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info. 247-0050.

What makes a work of art "primal"? What gives it the force of myth? Judging by our most acclaimed movies this year, the answer's pretty simple: violence. In our civilized, regimented society, audiences are fascinated by characters who dominate others by force: Anton Chigurh in *No Country for Old Men*, Daniel Plainview in *There Will Be Blood*. Blackway, the villain of Newfane writer Castle Freeman Jr.'s third novel, is cut from the same cloth. As one character puts it: "Blackway sees something he wants, he takes it. If you don't like that and you think you can take it back, you're welcome to try. That's all."

But *Go With Me* isn't really about Blackway, who shows up late in the novel and never even gets a first name. It's not about the lawless greed he embodies, or how he overreaches and brings himself down. The questions it poses are a little less "Greek tragedy" and a little more "classic Western." What do ordinary people do when confronted with a dark force of nature? Do they learn to live with it, or stand up and fight?

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Freeman's slim novel — practically a novella — takes place over about 24 hours in an unnamed county in southern Vermont. (The climactic chapters bring us to an eerie wilderness called "the Towns," associated with mysterious disappearances, just like the so-called "Bennington Triangle.") It opens near dawn, when the local sheriff comes to work and discovers a young woman sitting in a parked car, clutching a paring knife. Beside her is the fresh carcass of her cat — killed, she says, by Blackway, who has been stalking her. The sheriff doesn't ask how the young woman ran afoul of Blackway. (We find out later.) He doesn't suggest she has any legal recourse. But he does tell her to go to a semi-defunct mill, once a chair company, and talk to a man named Whizzer.

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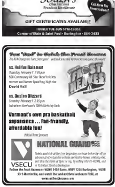
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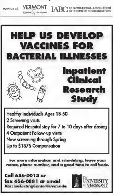
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how Whizzer is likely to help her he answers with the Yankee terseness that's Freeman's stock in trade: "That would be up to him. Wouldn't it?"

As far as Freeman's characters are concerned, this town might as well be the 19th-century frontier, where disputes are settled with uneasy alliances and fists. Well, not necessarily fists. In one of the book's laconic exchanges of dialogue, a crafty old fellow named Lester explains to a younger man with more strength than smarts how you *really* win a fight: "You have to hit a man, hit him *with* something. Not your fist: something hard. That way, you only have to hit him once." Later on, Lester demonstrates the principle in a scene that makes the martial-arts battles of modern action movies look like exactly what they are: bloodless choreography.

Infirm Lester and "sixth-grade dropout" Nate are the two men appointed by Whizzer to "go with" Lillian to confront Blackway, and a less overtly promising pair is hard to imagine. The story has no "mythic" trappings: No one forges any swords or pontificates about what it takes to slay a monster in human form. Indeed, Freeman makes it clear that the townspeople have been living in relative peace with their monster for decades.

Everyone's first advice to Lillian is to leave town. Her refusal to be intimidated — "What's the matter with you people?" she asks — draws a mix of admiration and stolid irritation from folks who perceive this girl "from upstate" as the outsider troubling their turf. Blackway may be about as manageable as a hungry grizzly, but he's right where he belongs.

Freeman portrays rural Vermont as a land in the throes of change where some old habits die surprisingly hard. After Lillian and her two unlikely knights set off in search of Blackway, Freeman leaves them periodically to return to the mill where Whizzer and his buddies spend their days drinking and shooting the breeze. With almost no narration to interfere, their quick, overlapping exchanges of words read like a screenplay — or like the chanting of a Greek chorus. The greatest testament to Freeman's skill as a writer is that he manages to shoehorn a ton of "context" and well-worn local memes into these conversations while keeping them easy and natural. We see this, for instance, when one of

Whizzer's friends notes the dearth of jobs for able-bodied but dim-ish young men like Nate in the postmodern global economy.

"I don't see where he fits anymore, is what I'm saying. You know what it is today. You're either a brain surgeon or you're drawing welfare."

"Is that right?" Whizzer asked him. "Which of them is you?"

Maybe there is something just as primal as violence: wit, in both senses of the word. While the men at the mill idly josh and one-up each other, old Lester prepares a few tricks that Blackway might not see coming. Though it may recall the old stories of knights and dragons and swords and samurai, not to mention the blood-drenched updated Westerns of Cormac McCarthy, *Go With Me* doesn't really belong in that dark-minded genre. It has the buoyancy of a well-told folktale: it's easy to absorb and hard to forget. Petty tyrants and bullies may come and go, Freeman suggests, but it's the crafty ones, the web spinners and storytellers, who live to tell the tale.

From *Go With Me*

Lester left the office to go after the young woman and Nate. Whizzer and the others heard their footfalls on the mill floor, then they didn't. Coop got up and went to the window.

"They're taking Nate the Great's truck," he said.

"Quite a piece of work, ain't she?" said D.B.

"Who is she?" Conrad asked.

"Hair down to her ass," said Coop. "See her hair?"

"Thinks she's a cut above, too, don't she?" said D.B. *"What's the matter with you people?"*

"Whiz liked her all right," said Coop.

"Did you?" Conrad asked Whizzer.

"Sure," said Whizzer.

"Whiz likes her," said Coop.

"Wishes he had more of her own," said D.B.

"What's the matter with her hair?" Whizzer asked.

"*You people?*" said D.B. "Cut named Annabelle? Thinks she's something. Thinks she's — what do you call that?"

"You call that attitude," said Conrad.

"Attitude on her," said D.B. "Who's she think she is, anyway?"

"Who is she, anyway?" asked Conrad. "Is she local?"

"No," said Coop. "She's not from here. From the city, it looks like."

"The city?" said Whizzer. "No, she ain't. Not a chance. She's no city girl. She ain't from right here, maybe, but she didn't come far to get here."

"How do you know that?" Conrad asked him.

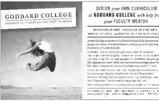
"Whiz can spot a woodchuck a mile off," said D.B.

"Takes one to know one," said Whizzer.

"Wherever she's from, she's some little pistol, there, ain't she?" said D.B. "*She* won't run from Blackway. Hell, no."

"She's right," said Whizzer. "She ain't done nothing. No reason she should run. Would you?"

"Run from Blackway?" D.B. answered. "Hell, yes."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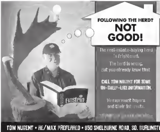

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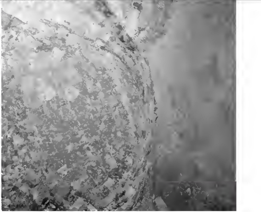

Shape Shifting

Most painting exhibitions consist of images hung on the walls, along with titles and prices. There's often an accompanying artist's statement shedding more (or less) light on the work, and sometimes a curator weighs in with further exposition. Tad Spurgeon's "Trompe: Recent Landscape, Still Life and Colorshape Paintings" at the Shelburne Art Center radically departs from those conventions. The artist posts extensive writings that dig deeply into technical matters and his conceptual development. What's also remarkable is that the three distinct bodies of work on display were executed at practically the same time — most of the 50 paintings date from 2007.

EXHIBIT
Tad Spurgeon, landscape, still life and colorshape paintings. Shelburne Art Center. Through March 11

ARTWORK
"Colorshape 5" by Tad Spurgeon

PHOTO
Marc Awodey

Spurgeon is best known for his sparse still lifes, which are influenced by a keen study of Giorgio Morandi (1890-1964). Both artists typically depict everyday objects forward in the picture plane, on neutral tabletops and against featureless gray backgrounds. Spurgeon's paintings are somewhat more naturalistic than Morandi's, however; his treatment of light more complex.

"White Peonies," a 12-by-16-inch still life, presents three flowers in a reflective steel can situated on a pale beige surface. The subject is pushed slightly to the left, creating a subtle tension in the composition. The flowers have delicate, rose-colored stamens, and only a few green leaves are visible. Regarding his Morandi-inspired pieces, Spurgeon writes, "This work has taught me — relentlessly, without mercy — that simplicity is inherently complex."

Spurgeon's landscapes are as lush as his still lifes are minimal. This exhibit includes a 10-by 14-inch study of "The Hay Wain" by John Constable (1776-1837). The painting depicts a wagon crossing a stream near a cottage in the woods; Spurgeon's lively version features wildly dynamic brushwork and heightened hues. "Constable's more informal outdoor work has always fascinated me," he notes, "because of its incredible functional tension between observation and painterly execution."

In fact, the original practically dissolves in Spurgeon's interpretation. Several of his own informal outdoor works also appear here. While Spurgeon has been known to spend more than a year on a single still life, he can create several landscapes in a single visit. "Button Bay Outdoor Study 6" is an 11-by 15-inch oil on gessoed paper replete with sweeping brushwork and a limited palette of hues that reflect the scene's vibrant color.

The biggest surprise in the Shelburne gallery is Spurgeon's "Colorshape" series. The dozen nonobjective abstractions include the show's largest piece, "Colorshape 9," a 36-by-40-inch symphony of color. In it, a spherical universe of broken greens, reds and purples encroaches on a softer field devoid of red. Spurgeon worked with a closely calibrated tonalist harmony that Monet would have applauded.

"Colorshape 5" is a 10-by-20-inch oil on paper that includes passages of scratches and a more raw use of color. Loose squares of bright red and blue seem balanced on a fulcrum of pale earth tones. While the style is new to those familiar with Spurgeon's work, he writes, "Having grown up with abstract art, this is the body of work I've been working on the longest."

But the artist relates that he put the genre on hiatus in the 1980s when he embarked on his exploration of Morandi's impulses. Spurgeon reveals that the "impetus" behind his nonobjective abstractions "ended abruptly," and an effort to revive it in the fall of 2007 resulted in a morass of work that simply didn't have it, whatever 'it' is in this case.

Nevertheless, Spurgeon is beyond doubt a versatile and inquisitive artist — he may even be the most technically knowledgeable oil painter in the area. Considering the impressive abilities on display in "Trompe," where does he go from here? Will he now commit to a specific personal aesthetic at the expense of all others, or will he remain productive in several areas at once? Last year seems to have been a transformative one for Spurgeon, so perhaps he, and we, will learn the answers to those questions in 2008. ⑦

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JEAN PIERRE CANEVALINI: Large Polaroid photos. Red Square, Burlington, 859-8909. Reception February 6, 6-8 p.m. Through February.

MONTHLY CO-OP MEMBERS' EXHIBIT: Patrell Murphy, Chope Castle, Paula Gingras and Donna Eberly show their works. Artists in Residence, Fairfax Falls, 933-0401. Reception February 7, 5-8 p.m. Through February.

NANCY E. WINTERS: "Car Show," 15 paintings depicting the artist's journey into automotive nostalgia, and **PETER BRONE:** "Blanket Studio," an installation in the gallery window. The Brick Box Gallery, Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 775-0570. Reception February 8, 5-8 p.m. Through March 2.

LANCE RICHBOURG: "Swings," mixed media and drawings. The Gallery at Burlington College, 862-9616. Reception February 8, 5:30 p.m. Through February.

"HEARTS AFLAME": A group show of visual arts relating to the things that make us feel passionate. Rose Street Artists' Co-op, Burlington, 343-0705. Reception February 8, 6-10 p.m., with live music, dancing and poetry. Through February.

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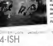

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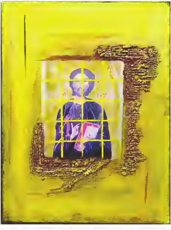

LIKE, OMIGODS One thousand years of Greek art history served as a resource and inspiration for Gabrielle J. Tsounis' "The Return of the Gods" exhibition. Her seven 18-by-24-inch mixed-media paintings are currently on display in the Fletcher Free Library's Pickering Room. Reworked, collaged images from classical antiquity through the Byzantine period are installed, along with interesting statements written by Tsounis that provide context. The library is an ideal venue for the pairing of text and image. Pictured: "The Pantokrator."

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MARKI GORANSON: "American Photobook," an exhibit of vintage, vernacular photographs selected from the artist's new book of the same name. Pine Street Art Works, Burlington, 863-8100. Reception February 8, 5-8 p.m. Through March.

TALKS/ EVENTS

PAUL BOWEN: Sculpture. Christine Price Gallery, Castleton State College, 468-1200. Artist talk February 8, 4 p.m. Through February 15.

"WOMEN TO WATCH": Photographs by Bethany Bond, Lynne Jaeger Weinstein, Luciana Frigerio, Tamah Kozyck and Willa Roig, finalists for the Vermont State Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. Julian Scott Memorial Gallery, Johnson State College, 635-1469. Gallery talk with artists Bethany Bond and Lynne Jaeger Weinstein February 7, 3 p.m. Through February 8.

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SLIDE LECTURE: Professor of art and art history Kirsten Hoving presents "Truth and Its Consequences: Photography's Burden of Fact" in conjunction with a current exhibit. Room 221, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 443-6007. February 12, 4:30 p.m.

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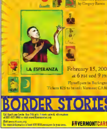

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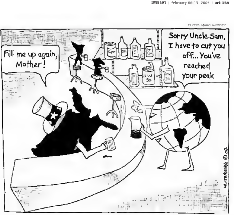
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GINNY PRESLEY: Landscape and floral watercolors. Kolvoord Community Room, Brownell Library, Essex Junction. 878-6955. Through February.

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LOIS EBY & PAUL GRUHLER: Abstract and geometric paintings by the Vermont artists. 215 College Artists' Cooperative Gallery, Burlington. 863-3662. Through February 24.

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"TIMES EDGE": Roger Coleman, Jaco Horner, Jon Michel, Sophia Quest and Aaron Stein exhibit paintings and mixed-media works. RETN/KAM Space, Burlington. [illegible]. Through February 24.

TARRAH KRAJNAK: Reinterpreted tintype photographs. SEABA Gallery, 180 Flynn Ave., Burlington. 859-9100. Through February.

TAD SPURGEON: "Tempo: Recent Landscape, Still Life and Cityscape Paintings," oils by the Vermont artist. Shelburne Art Center, 985-3648. Through March 28.

CHARLES CHOINIERE: Recent 4x5 and cubic portraits. Photo: [illegible] Center Community Darkroom, Burlington. 899-7100. Through March 1.

GABRIELLE J. TROUNCE: "The Return of the Gods," mixed-media paintings on canvas dedicated to all the gods, goddesses and orthodox icons, Pickering Room, through February, and **LEAH WITTENBERG:** "At Wit's End," 26 political cartoons enlarged to 24 by 36 inches, Mezzanine, through March. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington. 865-7200.

CAROL MORTON: "Cyclops: The Colors of Towns From A to Z," oils on canvas. Flynndog, Burlington. 373-2643. Through February.

PEGGY KANNENSTINE: Oil paintings from the artist's "jazz series," Gates 8 & 2, and **PETER WILLIAMS:** Oil paintings, Skyway & Escalator. Burlington Airport, 865-7581. Through May.

"BETWEEN SOFT MACHINES AND HARD SCIENCE: 'The Tabernacle Art of David Powell,'" an examination of hybrid prints with historic scientific instruments, and **"ACTION AND REACTION":** Works of "Sri Lanka" from the permanent collection, and **MICHAEL LIGHT:** "100 Suns," a collection of photographs of atomic explosions carried out by the U.S. in the 1950s and '60s over Nevada and the Pacific Ocean. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington. 656-0750. Through June 8.

MATTHEW THORSEN: Traditional and digital photographs, many featuring the artist's father, plus still lifes and [illegible]. Speaking Volumes, Burlington. 540-0107. Through February.

GREGORY ALBRIGHT: "Imaginary Landscapes," oil paintings. The Skinny Pancake, Burlington. www.albrightart.com. Through February 28.

BETH PEARSON: Oil paintings. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington. [illegible]. Through March.

SCOTT ZENSER: "Four Paintings," latex and acrylic on canvas based on random ideas. Kasini House, Burlington. 864-4838. Through February 28.

MARINA EPSTEIN: Etchings and oil paintings. Stonewater Partners Building, Colchester. [illegible]. Through February 28.

KAREN DAWSON: Recent paintings, drawings and mouth [illegible] paper. Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, Burlington. 863-5283. Through February.

TARRAH KRAJNAK: Photo-based portraits by the UVM art prof. SEABA Gallery, 180 Flynn Ave., Burlington. 859-9222. Through February.

champlain valley

"20TH CENTURY VISTAS": Twentieth-century landscape photography from the George Eastman House collection, through April 20, and **"ART NEW":** Recent acquisitions in photography and film/video, through August 10. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College. 443-5007.

"ART AMONG US": Artwork from students at local schools. The [illegible] Artists, 247-4956. Through February 28.

DANIEL COYLE: "Recent Fotographic Work." Park Squeeze, Vergennes. 877-3960. Through February.

BRENDA STAPLES & BRENDA MYRICK: "Brenda Brenda Show," photographs and watercolor portraits, respectively. Bristol Bakery. 453-3280. Through February 13.

BRENDA MYRICK: Landscape and still-life watercolor paintings by the Lincoln artist. WalkOver Gallery, Bristol, 453-3188. Through February.

MARY E. JOHNSTON: "Visits," documentary photography. Vermont Folklife Center, Middlebury. 388-4964. Through February 8.

central

CAROL B.S. MACDONALD: "In the Company of Crows," prints. Governor's Office, Pavilion Building, Montpelier, 828-0749. Through March 28.

MATT MANNING: Photographs by the local artist. Vermont Chocolatiers, Northfield. 485-6767. Through March 1.

JESSE BONAROS: "Archives Unfurled," pastel paintings at two locations: The Shoe Horn, Montpelier, 229-8454, and Blinking Light Gallery, Plainfield, 454-0141. Both through February.

KENT YARBROUGH: Monotypes and works by TRPS members. Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, White River Junction, 295-5901. Through February.

HOLLY JUNKER: "Building on Tradition: Piece by Piece," a retrospective of quilts. Chandler Gallery, Randolph. 728-9878. Through February 28.

WALKER BLACKWELL: "Thicket," photographs. The Green Bean Gallery in Capitol Grounds, Montpelier. art: whorlef23@yahoo.com. Through February.

ORCHARD VALLEY WALDORF SCHOOL: Students in grades 3-8 show their work in multiple media. City Center, Montpelier, 454-7400. Through February.

DANILO GONZALEZ: "Interiors/Exteriors," paintings. Apropos Designs, Waitsfield. 496-9590. Through March 8.

VINNIE AYALA: "The African Queen and Other Paintings" by the Vermont artist, and **MARY HILLS:** Acrylic-on-canvas painted [illegible]. The Cheshire Cat, Montpelier, 223-8905. Through April 1.

GRACE EXHIBIT: A selection of paintings in various media by artists represented by the nonprofit community-arts organization, including Gayleen Aiken, James Nace, Merrill Densmore, Larry Bissonnette and others. Barre Opera House. 476-8957. Through March.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT": Artists celebrate and explore light with works in multiple media, Main Floor Gallery, and **"THE ART OF POLISH POSTERS":** Print works, Second Floor Gallery, and **JOANNA NAGY:** Quirky and sensual paintings and drawings. Studio Place Arts, Barre. 479-7069. Through February 23.

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: "Exotic Animals," works by second- and third-graders in [illegible] with tempera to demonstrate their study of texture in art. Children's Room, Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier. 828-8763. Through February 28.

GOLDEN TRUE: "Celestial Visions on the Homeward Journey," paintings. Plainfield Community Center, 454-8580. Through February 8.

MARC AWODEY: Figurative paintings that explore the "anatomy of the picture." Supreme Court Lobby, Montpelier, 828-0749. Through February 28.

northern

MEG MCDEVITT: Non-objective paintings. Dibden Wings Gallery, Johnson State College, 635-1469. Through February.

JOE RUP: "Unremarkable," a solo show of charcoal drawings and collages with sculptural elements. Red Mill Gallery, Johnson. 635-2727. Through February 10.

"WE ARE VERMONT: CONTEMPORARY PORTRAITS IN PHOTOGRAPHY": Vermonters past and present are depicted in the photos of Peter Miller, Richard Stoltz, Caleb Kenna, Abby Ross, Peter Crabtree, Rose McNulty, Glenn Callahan, Jamie Cope, Andrew Kline and Kevin Bubriski, Main Gallery, and **MARINA EPSTEIN & BENJAMIN DAVIS:** Paintings and sculpture. Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, 253-8358. Through March 21.

RICH ARENTZEN & TOVE OHLANDER: The glassblowing couple show their works in modern Scandinavian folk art. J. Wagner Designs, Greensboro, 533-2390. Through March.

"OBJECTS OF DESIRE: STILL LIFE PAINTINGS": A group exhibit featuring some of Vermont's [illegible] artists in the genre, including Susan Abbott, [illegible] Albright, Tom Nicholas, [illegible] McLean, Lucy Petrie and others, through May 31, and **"MY COUSIN HAS EIGHT LEGS":** Original art works by nationally known children's book illustrators Tomie dePaola, Tracey Campbell Pearson, Phoebe Stone, Jasper Tomkins and Vladimir Vagin, through May 14. Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville. 644-5100.

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"CUBA! ART AND HISTORY FROM 1868 TO TODAY": The major retrospective includes some 400 works from the Caribbean island in multiple media. The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 514-285-2000. Through June 8.

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TAKING NOTE OF VISUAL VERMONT

KAT CLEAR

Testing Her Metal

IMAGES **Matthew Thorsen**

Kat Clear: girly girl or woman of steel? A recent visit to the artist and signmaker's Williston workshop finds her combining those two personae in one spirited self.

Clear, 28, is wearing a tattered corduroy coat over a wooly sweater one frosty morning as she discusses three stylized pinup girl sculptures about to be displayed in an unpredictable venue: the lobby of the National Life building in Montpelier. The six-month show is part of a Burlington City Arts corporate lend-lease program intended to promote public appreciation of Vermonters' creativity. Insurance adjusters will certainly get an unaccustomed eyeful en route to their offices, though Clear stays true to the playful tenor of this pop genre. Besides, it's hard to make steel sexy, even though each of her models flashes a splash of red paint — on a bow, a handbag and a bodice, respectively.

"They're flirty, fun, saucy and sassy," Clear says of the 3-foot-tall figures modeled on images she found in a book on the history of pinups. Clear also describes them as her "whoopsy! girls," evoking the exclamations they might make as a gust of wind lifts their ruffled skirts waist high. "They convey a sense of power, as well," she points out.

A dozen of these cheesecake pieces will also be on view at Burlington's Flynndog gallery starting in April. There they will keep company with a far more somber set of female figures: the late Judith Brown's "Lamentation Group," completed in 1989. Those five shrouded shapes, whom Clear refers to as "the Ladies of Lamentation," once seemed to be moving mournfully through a grove of honey locusts near the Fleming Museum on the University of Vermont campus. But harsh weather battered Brown's recycled steel sculptures so badly that they had to be removed for restoration three years ago. The Flynndog show will serve as a fundraising initiative to help return the pieces to their original site.

"These girls are so excited that they raise their skirts in the air in hopes that the Lamentation Ladies can be restored," Clear says of the role her pieces will play at the Flynndog. Her pinups go for $900 to $1500 each, depending on size; that's about the same price range Clear gave to a series of can-can dancers she welded into jaunty poses a couple of years ago.

The UVM grad acknowledges that Brown, a New York sculptor with a studio in Vermont, influenced her own development. So has steel artist Kate Pond, 69, with whom Clear shares studio space at the S.T. Griswold concrete plant.

Clear remembers meeting Pond a few years ago at Queen City Steel. The younger sculptor was scavenging for scrap metal while Pond yanked around hunks of steel with a bucket loader. Clear was smitten from the start, but Pond pondered before agreeing to take on such an effervescent apprentice. "After 36 years in that space at Griswold, I wasn't sure I could share it," Pond concedes. "Using the same tools can be very intimate."

Clear respected her elder's initial hesitancy, agreeing it's "a really intimate situation, to sculpt side by side. It's almost like sharing your bedroom."

But the two proved complementary opposites. "She's very emotional," the petite Pond says of her tall and sunny assistant. "I'm more quiet and calm, and working with her gives me a jolt of energy."

Clear sees Pond as something of a role model — one of the female pioneers in a macho medium where stars such as Richard Serra and Mark di Suvero assemble heroic, muscular monuments. Not that Clear needed much coaxing to mix it up with the boys. "I like being the only girl around the guys at Griswold," she says. "They're really a help, but I've always had this sense of, 'OK, I'm a woman and this is what I do. Nobody's going to tell me no.'"

Two women in Clear's family were important inspirations during her youth in Mendham, New Jersey. Her mother made some of her own clothing and dabbled in painting. Clear's paternal grandmother taught her to knit and crochet. Now she passes on her own less traditionally female skills to young girls in Vermont, working as a welding instructor at Rosie's Girls summer camp in Essex.

Though she was never a tomboy — "Give me a chance to dress up and I'm right there!" — Clear says she's been "hard on things" all her life. "If somebody gave me a piece of paper, it'd be crumpled up in a minute or two," she declares. "I knew I'd be hard on my artwork, so that's why I decided to go into steel — something really tough."

Danger lurks in the Clear-Pond workshop. It's still bone-cold an hour or so after Clear switches on the electric heater suspended from the 20-foot ceiling. She hasn't fired the wood furnace Pond salvaged and forklifted into the space several years ago. Cylinders of compressed gas stand near the forge that Clear is building with help from local blacksmith Chris Coswell. She says she wants to fabricate her own materials, because scrap metal is becoming unaffordable.

Asked if she's ever injured herself, Clear pulls off a rugged glove to display a finger scorched by a welder's arc. The mix of flames and gas in the workshop doesn't much worry her, however. "My biggest concern," she says, "is that I'll drop something heavy on one of my limbs."

If Clear does stay intact, Pond predicts great things for her. "I'm sure she'll blossom into a very successful career. She's always on the cusp of something new. She's talented and imaginative."

Clear has already made a lasting mark with her "Queen City Crown," a permanent installation in the Burlington Town Center on Church Street. This curved 17-by-4-foot metal piece wraps around a soffit above the fireplace in the mall's atrium. It's a collage of blue and amber glass, antique maple taps and steel sheets cut into shapes meant to evoke the Burlington cityscape and Vermont's undulating hills. The assemblage does resemble a crown, albeit for a very large queen. Clear won a Burlington City Arts competition to create the piece, meant as a vibrant visual expression of the city's nickname.

"I thought of that fireplace area as a meeting ground for the people of Burlington," she explains. "I like taking part in this community, giving something to it."

Clear also designed the bike racks that riff on combustion tanks outside Radio Bean on North Winooski Avenue and at the Burlington Telecom headquarters on lower Church Street.

Her desire to apply her skills to public spaces animates Clear's work as a signmaker, too. Beginning with the Aftermidnight Jewelers shop in South Burlington's University Mall, she's been building logos for stores around the area for several years. The Green Room restaurant on St. Paul Street and the Burlington Electric Department building on Pine Street sport Clear signs that are hard to miss.

Referring to her dual vocation as signmaker and sculptor, Clear says, "I've needed both to dance together in order to make a living." Public art works such as the bike racks and the crown "make my heart sing," she adds, noting that she's gained a lot of practical knowledge from creating signs. "It's taught me about fabrication, installation and how material objects and tools work."

But if she could earn enough as a sculptor, would she devote herself to that work alone? "In a heartbeat," Clear replies. "In a heartbeat."

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> **KAT CLEAR**

Watch Kat Clear work on this week's episode of "Stuck in Vermont" at sevendaysvt.com.

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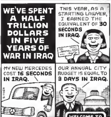
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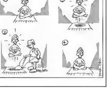

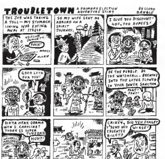
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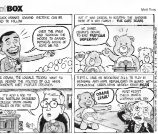
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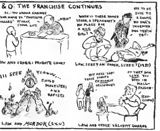
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the campus question

BY JON TAYLOR

It's "award season" in Hollywood, and insider gossip from the blogosphere suggests we may have to suffer through the arduous Academy Awards broadcast once again. With so much buzz surrounding the best films of 2007, it seems appropriate to buck the trend and talk about the worst films in recent memory.

For this, *Seven Days* asked some of Burlington College's film students to talk about their least favorite films in recent years. You may be surprised by some of the "nominees." FYI: My vote goes to the painful *Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium*.

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What's the worst film that you can remember in recent years?

John Iezzo, 26, graduate film student

"I know a lot of people won't agree with me on this one, but the worst movie I saw last year was probably *Juno*. I just didn't really care for the dialogue. It just seemed like it was a thirtysomething's dialogue coming out of an 18-year-old's mouth. I just didn't buy it."

Mike Smith, 23, film student

"The worst movie I saw would probably be *Date Movie*. They advertise it as having been written by two of the six writers of *Scary Movie* ... they must have thought that appealed to people ... It was painful to watch ... the only good thing about it was it was less than an hour and a half, so the torture was over soon."

Jeff White, 22, film student

"By far it was *The Number 23*. I think Jim Carrey had kind of established himself as a pretty solid actor, and he ruined it with that movie. I saw it in Puerto Rico, so I saw it in Spanish with English subtitles — it was a really bad experience. It was supposed to be good, and it wasn't."

Paul Elsasser, 22, film student

"The worst movie I've seen recently is *Lady in the Water* by M. Night Shyamalan, which I found to be one of the most arrogant pieces of filmmaking I've ever had to sit through. It was incredibly heavy handed ... Shyamalan wrote himself into the film as this pivotal character who's supposed to save the entire world with his writing. It seemed like it could have been a lot more imaginative. [He] is a fantastic director, but he needs people to write his films for him, or do an adaptation."

Chris Lapointe, 25, film student

"The worst movie I ever saw was M. Night Shyamalan's *The Village*. I think with him you start to get a feeling like you go into the theater and go, 'All right, what's the twist?' Right off the bat ... I say, 'Please just don't be in the now.' So I'm sitting there going through the film and in the very end ... we're in the now. That was stupid. That was it, really. I blocked everything else out about that movie."

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sudoku

BY LINDA THISTLE

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SEVEN DAYS crossword

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61 Hold up
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63 Summer quencher
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80 M[illegible] or Miniver
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136 Beethoven symphony
137 Ginger cookie
138 Swelling
139 Aunt or niece
140 Elbow
141 "Guarding —" ('94 film)

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11 Director Polanski
12 Let up
13 Anderson's "High —"
14 News org.
15 Haze
16 Musical of 1816
17 Unwind a reel
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38 "Heavens to Betsy!"
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44 Mrs. David Copperfield
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50 Baffle
52 Nero's instrument
53 Scarecrow stuffing
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57 Moisten
58 Stamp a lawn
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62 Gun the engine
67 Out on —
69 Stage whisper
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77 Literary parson
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80 Mad [illegible]
83 Taylor or Tretak
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87 Edna Ferber novel
90 Cloaked
91 Spread [illegible]
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94 Church area
95 "Orinoco Flow" singer
96 Grenoble's river
99 Bespeched
100 Done
102 Take on
107 Way out
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112 Taken way aback?
113 Endorse with "for"
114 "The Sandbox" playwright
115 Westward
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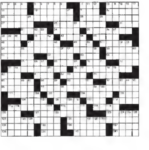

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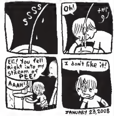

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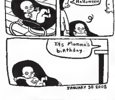

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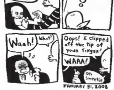
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Hillary Sends Bill on Campaign Trip to Antarctica: Will Remain There Until Convention, Aides Confirm

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton has sent her husband, former president Bill Clinton, on a "special campaign trip" to Antarctica that could last "six or seven months," Clinton aides confirmed today.

"From here on in, Bill is going to be our man in Antarctica," said top Clinton strategist Mark Penn. "We have sent him down there with enough food and firewood to last until the Democratic convention this summer."

The unexpected change in the former president's itinerary happened just hours after Mrs. Clinton's drubbing in the South Carolina primary, causing some party insiders to wonder if Mr. Clinton's mission to Antarctica represented something of a demotion.

The decision to dispatch Mr. Clinton to the South Pole also raised eyebrows because the continent of Antarctica does not participate in the so-called "Super Tuesday" primaries on Feb. 5 and sends no delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Penn attempted to tamp down all such speculation, telling reporters, "This race isn't about votes or delegates; it's about land mass, frozen tundra and penguins."

Mr. Clinton's itinerary change comes on the heels of a controversial incident Saturday night in which he was discovered bound and gagged in the bathroom of Mrs. Clinton's campaign plane, his hands tied by what appeared to be the jacket of a bright yellow pantsuit.

From here on in, Bill is going to be our man in Antarctica.

MARK PENN

Speaking to reporters with a strip of duct tape still over his mouth, Mr. Clinton denied that he was being muzzled by the campaign, adding, "Mmmfff mghmfff mmhrfff."

Elsewhere, for the first time in history, President Bush's State of the Union address was simulcast in English.

Award-winning humorist, television personality and film actor Andy Borowitz is author of the new book The Republican Playbook. To find out more about Andy Borowitz and read his past columns, visit www.borowitzreport.com.

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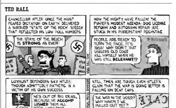
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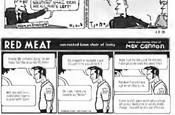
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Oh, I see. I think you meant to say "barber."
Nope. I got my haircut at the dentist's. I also get all my tools sharpened there.
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BY ROB BREZSNY

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): "Men should be barred from holding public office for 100 years," says billionaire Ted Turner. "Men have been running the world for too long and they've made a mess of it." If women were in charge, he adds, "It would be a much more peaceful, prosperous, equitable world in a very short period of time. You'd have a huge shift away from military budgets and into education and health care." I agree with everything Turner said except when he implied that men should be prohibited from serving. That's totalitarian, the exact opposite of what I trust a feminine majority would usher in. From an astrological perspective, by the way, 2008 is prime time to move forcefully in the direction of bringing more women into power. And it so happens that Aries people of both genders are best able to lead the way. To jumpstart your ability to fulfill this potential, I urge you to take three actions in the coming week to foster female authority. Men, you may devote two of them to boosting your inner woman.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Musician Chuck Prophet has artistic integrity even if he isn't a mega star. He keeps making records that are inspired by his creative urges rather than by a lust for fame and riches. At age 43, he still tours all over creation, performing in small and mid-size clubs. "I have a dark need to drive around the world in a van like I'm 22," he told the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "And I'm good at it, too. I'm good at staring out of a window for long stretches." Prophet's your role model in the coming week, Taurus. I hope he inspires you to do whatever's necessary as you go about the business of promoting what you love to do with dogged integrity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I've got some of the strangest good news you've ever heard! Ready to open your mind to the odd opportunities? Get this: 1. Your wild speculations could serve you better than your educated guesses. 2. Your experimental urges might be smarter than your cautious plans. 3. Your "stumbles" may lead you to brilliant detours. 4. You just may be able to create lucky breaks out of apparent mistakes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The World Dream Bank (WorldDreamBank.org) collects tales recorded by spirited dreamers. I'd like to call your attention to one of those dreams, because you'll benefit from entertaining similar themes. Here's a paraphrased report: "I dreamed I was a telepathic teenage unicorn with five hearts. My lesbian twin, an untameable mare from the Middle of Nowhere Desert, came to join me, as did my best friend, a cute Tyrannosaurus Rex doctor on roller skates. We built a boat and sailed off into a warm red sea, headed towards a rite of passage that we looked forward to as a fun adventure. We passed a buoy with a sign that said 'Beware of Insane Swimming Bummer.' We weren't scared in the least. We had pockets of magic confetti that we knew would make the bummer nice."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Tibetans use the phrase "Gudal [illegible] shalen jonga," which literally means "to give a green answer to a blue question." It's what happens when a person offers a reply that is unrelated to the question that has been asked. This is an apt description of a certain situation you're either dealing with now or will soon be. It may be that someone close to you is responding with irrelevant answers to your pressing inquiries. Or it might be that you have misunderstood a mystery that a friend has presented to you. A third possibility: A question you've been asking yourself is the wrong question. (Thanks to the book *[illegible] Yoga* for the Tibetan phrase: http://tinyurl.com/2qy6z.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "Success means controlling your own time," observed actor Rod Steiger. "If you gain control over 51 percent of the time in your life, you are really successful." In 2008, Virgo, you will have far more power than you've had before to fulfill this definition of success. And right now you happen to be in a phase of your astrological cycle when your hard work toward this goal will have maximum impact. The ironic fact of the matter is that it's an ideal time to slave away in behalf of greater freedom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "When it comes time to do your own life," wrote author Rosellen Brown in her book *Civil Wars*, "you either perpetuate your childhood or you stand on it and finally kick it out from under." According to my analysis of the omens, Libra, you will, sometime in 2008, reach the pivotal point Brown referred to. And the coming weeks could be a big turning point. So which way will you go?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): *The Onion* newspaper cites a government study showing that America's top product isn't corn, pot, or porn, but rather rich, buttery goodness. "Soaring demand among consumers for the melt-in-your-mouth sensation of buttery goodness meant that more than 32 million tons were manufactured and consumed last year," the report said. I advise you to make that experience a top priority in the coming week, Scorpio — even if you're normally a bigger fan of what *The Onion* terms "crispety-crunchiness" or "chewy double-stuffed deliciousness." According to my analysis of the cosmic omens, you're most likely to thrive if you pursue silky, smooth, velvety plush feelings of every kind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The world's record for skipping stones across the water belongs to Russell Byars. In July 2007, he threw a stone that bounced along the surface of the Allegheny River 51 times before it sank. If that mark is destined to be broken, it may be done by a Sagittarian in the coming week. Your tribe will have an exceptionally light touch. You'll have a knack for getting things to do what they supposedly can't do, even to the point of seeming to violate the law of gravity. You'll be at the peak of your ability to perform amazing tricks, pull off good mischief, and accomplish odd little miracles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): After studying your planetary aspects, I got on my bicycle and took a vow to roam the world for an omen that would embody their meaning. Within a few minutes, I spied what my intuition immediately knew I was looking for: a carport with grass growing on the roof. Here are two interpretations of the oracle: 1. It's now possible for something to grow in a place that you thought was barren and/or over your head. 2. Fertility will abound in a high place that isn't usually hospitable to sprouting seeds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "To be young, really young, takes a very long time," said Picasso. I agree. It's not easy to hone your ability to see the world fresh over and over again. You've got to work for years to inoculate yourself against the millions of people who think they've got everything figured out. To cultivate an ingenious and fully awakened innocence, you have to continually shed your temptation to rely on habitual responses, never ceasing from the effort to greet every experience with a beginner's mind. This playful approach to life goes against the grain of every religious teaching, every political system, and every ideology, which means that only the fiercest individualists with a highly developed sense of self can summon the courage to do it. It so happens, Aquarius, that you're now primed to make rapid progress in this noble undertaking.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Whether or not you're a Catholic, I recommend a good stiff dose of confession for you. It's the most effective action you can take to clear out your psychic congestion and prepare the way for an influx of cathartic realizations. So find someone who won't judge you for your so-called sins, and tell him or her about things you've done in the past year that make you feel squeamish or guilty. If there is no such person, confess to a beloved animal, a favorite tree, a passing cloud or the morning sun.

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Persepolis ★★★★

LIFE DRAWINGS **Satrapi has adapted her memoir into the year's most ground-breaking animated film.**

Because the animated world is one in which anything may be conjured at will, from cars that talk to rats that cook, the ticket buyer seldom walks away from a big-screen cartoon with the sense of having just seen something he or she has never seen before. *Persepolis* is a different story. The combination of pen, ink and geopolitical strife has yet to yield anything quite like it.

More than just another tale of a bright, rebellious girl coming of age, the movie follows a bright, rebellious girl coming of age in the midst of Iran's Islamic revolution. Narrating the story is the woman she grew up to be — Marjane Satrapi, the author and illustrator of several internationally admired autobiographical graphic novels. Together with Parisian animator Vincent Paronnaud, Satrapi has adapted her books into a work of cinema that's every bit as singular as the personal journey it depicts.

For audience members who need a refresher course in Middle Eastern history, the first act, about Satrapi's early family life, will contain a number of revelations. Raised by leftist intellectual parents and a fiercely feminist grandmother, she had passions surprisingly similar to those of most Western kids her age. She prized her Adidas, flirted with boys, taunted her teachers and blasted rock music in her bedroom. The secret police were easy enough for most people to sidestep, and when the Shah was overthrown and exiled in the late 1970s, Iranians expressed widespread optimism that his departure would pave the way for a freer, more democratic society.

Instead, a theological police state filled the vacuum and government rule grew more repressive. But even as family friends were persecuted, and a beloved uncle was jailed and killed, the teenage Marjane retained her defiant spirit. Eventually her mother and father packed her off to Vienna, because they worried that her feistiness would make her a target for fundamentalist thugs.

But Europe turned out to be a mixed blessing for Satrapi, who now lives in Paris. On the one hand, she was safe there from the horrors of the war that soon erupted between Iran and Iraq. On the other, she felt out of place among the students at her school — rich kids who posed as punks and nihilists. Again and again she found love and lost it. At one point, she drifted away from that milieu, behaved in increasingly erratic ways that got her locked out of a succession of living situations, and ended up barely surviving on the street. Homesick, she returned to Iran a psychological wreck, only to find that the place she missed no longer existed.

Clearly, we are far from Pixar country here. While *Persepolis* is ultimately a celebration of family bonds and individual resilience, the film has little in common with the candy-colored feel-good fare that's come to dominate animation. Its palette rarely ventures beyond black and white, and its 2-D look is rooted in German expressionism. Nonetheless, the movie's visual style is nothing short of exquisite. Its tone spans the gamut from exaltation to despair.

The jabs Satrapi takes at American policy are gentle, all things considered. As a child, she listened as her grandmother said aloud that the Shah would "join his pals in Washington." A family friend who'd been tortured related that his jailers had been trained by the CIA. As a young woman, returning to Tehran before leaving Iran for good, Satrapi was shocked to see the toll of the war on her homeland. She blamed Saddam for starting it, of course, but also implicated the United States for selling weapons to both sides.

Persepolis covers a lot of ground. One of its many themes is the challenge of loving one's country in spite of itself. In the course of 95 minutes, this film reminds viewers just how complicit our nation was in so much of the suffering that befell Satrapi's. Today's Americans can definitely relate.

RICK KISONAK

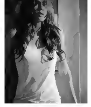
The Eye ★★

THE EYES HAVE IT **Jessica Alba has trouble seeing the world through new eyes in an uninspired horror remake.**

There's an old truism about horror movies: that what you see isn't as scary as what you don't see — or what you *sort of* see. Take that idea and wrap it up in a slick, fast-moving, moody package, and you have the Hong Kong horror flick *The Eye* (2002), brainchild of brothers Danny and Oxide Pang. Their story of a young blind violinist who gets a corneal transplant and starts blurrily seeing dead people was successful enough to spawn two sequels and a Hindi remake.

Now, finally, here's the American version, coming at the tail end of the Asian horror remake craze. Earlier this month, fright fans were perfectly happy to miss *One Missed Call*, and last weekend *The Eye* earned about half as much nationwide as a Hannah Montana concert film. Sure, *The Ring* and *The Grudge* cleaned up at the box office, but Americans seem to have had their fill of floating ghosts, stop-motion ghosts, and vengeful ghosts with long black hair.

That's too bad, because there's more to the genre than those overused devices. In Japan, Korea and Hong Kong, what starts as a simple horror film can morph into a head-trip film and even into an art film, as fans of *Pulse*, *A Tale of Two Sisters* or the profoundly bizarre *Suicide Club* know. *The Eye* is a more conventional film than those, but it still has moments that remind us what gets lost in translation. Take the scene where the heroine, sitting at a busy noodle bar, sees a woman slip around a corner, moving way too fast. Hearing a slurping sound, she turns just in time to glimpse the phantom stretching out her tongue to lick a strip of hanging meat, as if it were a lollipop.



Not surprisingly, that moment is missing from the new version of *The Eye*. Writer Sebastian Gutierrez and directors David Moreau and Xavier Palud have reproduced some of the original's scariest scenes almost shot for shot, but they've removed the element of oddness. They've also done something far worse: In the lead role, they've cast an actress who has trouble seeming terrified — or human.

It's tempting to call Jessica Alba the female Keanu Reeves — as beautiful as she's wooden. But Keanu managed to ditch his Valley Boy rhythms for a serviceable, dignified drone. Alba isn't there yet. In one tense scene, the violinist meets the mother of her corneal donor: "It must be a terrible thing to see the spiritual world," the older woman intones. "All those souls destined for death, powerless to change their fate."

"Yeah," Alba chirps. Though she looks pained, as if she were trying really hard to imagine the burden of second sight, you have a feeling her next line could be "*Anyway*, I was at the mall yesterday, and Sephora had this sale ..."

It doesn't help that the new film has turned *The Eye*'s vulnerable heroine — a wan, mousy girl who lives with her grandmother and plays in an orchestra for the blind — into the star soloist of a regular orchestra, who lives alone in a tower of concrete and steel. Parker Posey, earning a paycheck, turns up in a small, extraneous role as the overachiever's sister.

But the remake's worst travesty comes at its end, where the Pang Brothers blew their budget on a mini-disaster-film sequence, a clever set piece based on a real-life traffic accident in Thailand. The American version is downscaled and defanged, but it does prove one important point: In these post-9/11 times, it's easy to send people stampeding for the exits — all you have to do is use the word "bomb." Of course, it helps if you look like Jessica Alba.

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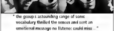

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FOOL'S GOLD Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson are paired in this action-comedy about a divorced couple who get back together to dive for sunken treasure. Donald Sutherland costars. Andy Tennant directs. (112 min, PG-13. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Stowe)

PERSEPOLIS★★★★ This year's Animated Feature Film Oscar nominee tells the story of a young woman coming of age in Iran and clashing with increasingly repressive cultural forces. Adapted from the best-selling graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi, with help from comic book artist Vincent Paronnaud. Featuring the voices of Chiara Mastroianni and Catherine Deneuve. (95 min, PG-13. Roxy)

THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY Painter-filmmaker Julian Schnabel's third feature tells the astonishing true story of French *Elle* magazine editor Jean-Dominique Bauby. Paralyzed by a stroke at the age of 43, he learned to communicate by blinking one eye and, using this system, wrote the best-selling memoir on which the film is based. Starring Mathieu Amalric, Emmanuelle Seigner and Max Von Sydow. (114 min, PG-13. Palace, Savoy)

VINCE VAUGHN'S WILD WEST COMEDY SHOW Vaughn and four stand-up notables take their act on the road to perform 30 shows in 30 days across the country's heartland in the latest from director Ari Sandel. Also featuring Peter Billingsley and Justin Long. (90 min, R. Roxy)

WELCOME HOME, ROSCOE JENKINS From writer-director Malcolm D. Lee (*Undercover Brother*) comes this comedy about a famous self-help guru who returns home for his parents' 50th anniversary and winds up questioning the direction his life has taken. Starring Martin Lawrence, Joy Bryant and Cedric the Entertainer. (114 min, PG-13. Essex, Majestic)

YOUTH WITHOUT YOUTH Francis Ford Coppola directed and financed this adaptation of a novella by Mircea Eliade about an aged professor (Tim Roth) who receives a miraculous gift of youth and seeks out a lost love (Alexandra Maria Lara). With Bruno Ganz. (124 min, R. Palace)

SHORTS

27 DRESSES★★1/2 Katherine (*Knocked Up*) Heigl plays one of those "always a bridesmaid" types who reconsiders her life after her sister snags the guy she wanted in this romantic comedy from director Anne Fletcher. With James Marsden and Malin Akerman. (107 min, PG-13. Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Stowe, Welden)

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS★★ He wrote the *SpongeBob* movie. He directed the Garfield sequel. And now Tim Hill offers this big-screen take on the vintage cartoon series about a hapless guy who lives with a trio of musical rodents. With Jason Lee, David Cross and Jane Lynch. (92 min, PG. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Paramount)

ATONEMENT★★★★ Joe (*Pride & Prejudice*) Wright directs this big-screen version of Ian McEwan's best-selling 2002 novel about a woman's attempt to make amends for a fateful childhood misdeed. Starring Keira Knightley, James McAvoy and Saoirse Ronan. (122 min, R. Capitol, Majestic, Marquis, Roxy, Stowe)

BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD★★★★1/2 Legendary filmmaker Sidney Lumet makes a stunning return to form with this dark fable in which a pair of debt-ridden brothers decide to rob their parents' jewelry business. Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ethan Hawke. (123 min, R. Palace)

BLADE RUNNER: THE FINAL CUT★★★★1/2 Twenty-five years after its release, Ridley Scott is still tinkering with his sci-fi masterpiece about a futuristic bounty hunter who falls in love with an android. The latest version dumps the famous voice-over and features a revised ending. Starring Harrison Ford and Sean Young. (117 min, R. Roxy)

CASSANDRA'S DREAM★★1/2 Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell play a pair of London brothers who make a dangerous foray into crime to feed their need for cash in Woody Allen's new cinematic morality play. With Tom Wilkinson. (108 min, PG-13. Roxy)

CLOVERFIELD★★★★ Michael Stahl-David and Mike Vogel star in this movie about a monster attack on New York City produced by "Lost" creator J.J. Abrams. Lizzy Caplan costars. Matt Reeves directs. (84 min, PG-13. Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Welden)

ELECTRIC APRICOT: QUEST FOR FESTEROO★★1/2 The midnight show returns to the Roxy with Friday and Saturday screenings of songwriter-musician Les Claypool's directorial debut, a mockumentary about the rise of a West Coast jam band. Starring Claypool, Seth Green, Matt Stone and Adam Gates. (91 min, R. Roxy)

ENCHANTED★★★★ Live action and animation meet in this modern fairy tale about a beautiful princess who's banished from her kingdom by an evil queen and finds herself on the streets of present-day Manhattan. Starring Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey and Susan Sarandon. Kevin Lima directs. (108 min, PG. Palace)

HOW SHE MOVE★★★ Rutina Wesley stars as a promising inner-city student who enters a step-dance competition to try to earn her tuition at an exclusive prep school. With Tre Armstrong and Cle Bennett. Ian Iqbal Rashid directs. (98 min, PG-13. Palace)

I'M NOT THERE★★★1/2 Christian Bale, Richard Gere, Heath Ledger, Ben Whishaw and Cate Blanchett play different facets of Bob Dylan in Todd (*Far From Heaven*) Haynes' exploration of the folk singer's legend and legacy. (135 min, R. Big Picture, Roxy)

JUNO★★★★ Papa don't preach... A savvy pregnant teen (Ellen Page) decides to put her baby up for adoption in this comedy written by newcomer Diablo Cody. Michael (*Superbad*) Cera plays the dad. With Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman and Rainn "Schrute" Wilson. (91 min, PG-13. Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Paramount, Savoy, Stowe, Welden)

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MAN IN THE CHAIR★★★1/2 Christopher Plummer stars as a retiree who worked on the sets of classic movies in his day, and finds unusual helping a teen with a film contest, in Michael Schroeder's seriocomic. With Michael Angarano and M. Emmet Walsh. (108 min, PG-13. Palace)

MEET THE SPARTANS 1/2★ Sean Maguire, Method Man and Carmen Electra star in this potluck parody that spoofs perfections as hopeless as 300 and You Got Served. Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer (Epic Movie) direct. (84 min, PG-13. Essex, Majestic)

MICHAEL CLAYTON★★★ George Clooney stars in the directorial debut of screenwriter Tony (all three Bourne films) Gilroy, a legal thriller in which a corporate attorney's conscience begins to float on him after years spent hiding his firm's hottest work. Also starring Tom Wilkinson, Sydney Pollack and Tilda Swinton. (120 min, R. Palace)

NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS★★1/2 In this sequel, Nicolas Cage searches the globe to proof that his great-great-grandfather did not take part in the plot to kill Abraham Lincoln. Diane Kruger costars. Jon Turteltaub directs. (124 min, PG. Essex, Majestic, Palace)

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN★★★★★ Tommy Lee Jones and Javier Bardem star in the Coen brothers' big-screen version of Cormac McCarthy's acclaimed novel about the face-off between a Texas border town sheriff and an ultraviolent outsider. Josh Brolin costars. (122 min, R. Bijou, Roxy, Welden)

RAMBO★★ Sylvester Stallone wrote, directed and stars in this sequel that catches up with the Vietnam vet 20 years later as he prepares to launch a one-man mission to rescue human rights workers who've been taken hostage in the jungles of Burma. With Julie Benz, Paul Schulze and Ken Howard. (93 min, R. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Paramount, Welden)

STRANGE WILDERNESS 1/2★ Steve Zahn plays a TV host who tries to save his ailing wildlife show by tracking down Bigfoot in this comedy from director Fred Wolf. With Allen Covert, Jonah Hill and Harry Hamlin. (87 min, R. Majestic)

SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET★★★★ Johnny Depp and Tim Burton run together again. This time around, they team up to bring Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical to the silver screen. And quickly turn it blood red. With Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman and Sacha Baron Cohen. (117 min, R. Bijou, Palace, Paramount, Welden)

THE BUCKET LIST★★ Rob Reiner's latest comedy pairs Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman as cancer patients who learn the meaning of life just as theirs are about to come to an end. With Rob Morrow and Sean Hayes. (97 min, PG-13. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Welden)

THE EYE★★ Jessica Alba stars in this supernatural thriller, a remake of the Hong Kong hit, in which a blind violinist undergoes surgery to have her sight restored but soon finds herself haunted by otherworldly visions. Parker Posey costars. David Moreau directs. (97 min, PG-13. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Paramount)

THE GREAT DEBATERS★★★1/2 Denzel Washington directs and stars in this fact-based account of a debate coach at an African-American college who inspires his students to take on state schools during the segregation era. With Forest Whitaker, Jurnee Smollett and Denzel Whitaker. (127 min, PG-13. Palace)

THE KITE RUNNER★★★ Marc (*Stranger Than Fiction*) Forster directs the big-screen version of Khaled Hosseini's international bestseller about an Afghan boy whose failure to come to the aid of a friend ends up haunting him throughout adulthood. Starring Khalid Abdalla and Homayoun Ershadi. (122 min, PG-13. Big Picture, Roxy)

THE PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING: A VEGGIETALES MOVIE★★1/2 A cuke, a grape and a gourd seek high seas adventure in a computer-animated spin-off of the VeggieTales video series. Mike Nawrocki directs and stars with Phil Vischer. (85 min, G. Welden)

THE SAVAGES★★★ The second film from writer-director Tamara Jenkins features Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman as siblings struggling to come to terms with their father's decline and with each other. Philip Bosco and Peter Friedman costar. (113 min, R. Roxy)

THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP★★★1/2 A young Scottish boy discovers a mythical creature in Jay Russell's family film. With Emily Watson, Ben Chaplin and Alex Etel. (111 min, PG. Majestic)

THERE WILL BE BLOOD★★★ Paul Thomas Anderson's epic about the rise of a ruthless American oil tycoon features a Golden-Globe-winning performance from Daniel Day-Lewis. Based on an Upton Sinclair novel. With Paul Dano. (158 min, R. Big Picture, Capitol, Palace)

UNTRACEABLE★1/2 The latest from Gregory (*Fracture*) Hoblit is a high-tech little exercise in torture porn in which an Internet mastermind displays murders on his website, which is rigged so the number of hits it gets determines how fast his victims die. Diane Lane plays an FBI agent on his trail. (100 min, R. Capitol, Essex, Majestic)

NEW ON DVD/VHS

2 DAYS IN PARIS★★★★ Julie Delpy wrote, directed, produced and stars in this comedy about a woman who brings her new American boyfriend to Paris, ensuring a string among several of her former French ones. With Adam Goldberg. Oh yeah: She composed the film's score, too. (94 min, R)

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE★★★ Julie (*Frida*) Taymor directs this musical about a young couple whose love is tested by the chaos of the 1960s, featuring many of the Beatles' greatest hits. With Jim Sturgess, Evan Rachel Wood and Bono. (131 min, PG-13)

ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE★★1/2 Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush reprise the roles they played in 1998's *Elizabeth* and reunite with director Shekhar Kapur for the continuing adventures of the Virgin Queen. Clive Owen and Samantha Morton costar. (114 min, PG-13)

FEAST OF LOVE★★1/2 Robert (*The Human Stain*) Benton directs this dramedy tracking the efforts of 12 people in Portland, Oregon, to grapple with the complexities of love. Based on the novel by Charles Baxter. Morgan Freeman, Greg Kinnear, Selma Blair and Radha Mitchell star. (102 min, R)

THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD ★★★★ From writer-director Andrew (*Chopper*) Dominik comes this look at the last days of the legendary outlaw and the unlikely friendship that led to his death. Based on the novel by Ron Hansen. Starring Brad Pitt, Casey Affleck and Sam Shepard. (160 min, R)

THE BRAVE ONE★★★1/2 Neil (*Breakfast on Pluto*) Jordan directs Jodie Foster's latest, which sounds a little like a remake of *Death Wish*: When a New York City radio host's fiance is killed in a random attack on the street one night, she transforms into an armed vigilante. With Terrence Howard and Mary Steenburgen. (119 min, R)

THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB ★★1/2 Screenwriter Robin (*Practical Magic*) Swicord makes her directorial debut with this adaptation of the best-selling Karen Joy Fowler novel about a group of women who notice parallels between their lives and those of characters in the classic books they meet to discuss. Featuring Kathy Baker, Maria Bello and Emily Blunt. (106 min, PG-13)

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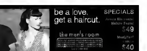

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friday 8 — wednesday 13
Rambo 1:20 & 3:50 (Sat & Sun), 7:10, 9 (Fri & Sat). **Sweeney Todd** 1 & 4 (Sat & Sun), 6:40, 9 (Fri & Sat). **The Eye** 1:10 & 3:40 (Sat & Sun), 7, 9 (Fri & Sat). **No Country for Old Men** 1:30 (Sat & Sun), 6:50, 9 (Fri & Sat). **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 12:50 & 4:30 (Sat & Sun).

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CAPITOL SHOWPLACE
93 State Street, Montpelier, 229-0343

wednesday 6 — thursday 7
There Will Be Blood 7. **Atonement** 6:30, 9. **Untraceable** 6:30, 9. **27 Dresses** 6:50. **Cloverfield** 9. **The Bucket List** 7:30, 9.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
***Fool's Gold** 1:30 (Sat & Sun), 7:30, 9. **Atonement** 1:30 (Sat & Sun), 6:15, 9. **National Treasure: Book of Secrets** 1:30 (Sat & Sun), 7:15, 9. **The Bucket List** 1:30 (Sat & Sun), 6:30, 9. **There Will Be Blood** 1:15 (Sat & Sun), 7.

ESSEX CINEMA
Essex Shoppes & Cinema, Rt. 15 & 289, Essex, 879-6543

wednesday 6 — thursday 7
27 Dresses 12:15, 5, 7:30, 9:50. **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 2:40. **The Bucket List** 12:30, 1:45, 5, 7:15, 9:25. **Cloverfield** 3:10, 5, 9:35. **The Eye** 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50. **Juno** 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20. **Meet the Spartans** 12:10, 2, 4, 6, 8:10. **National Treasure: Book of Secrets** 12:40, 7. **Rambo** 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:10, 9:30. **Untraceable** 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
***Fool's Gold** 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:40. ***Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins** 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30. **27 Dresses** 12:15, 5, 7:30, 9:50. **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 2:40. **The Bucket List** 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:25. **The Eye** 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50. **Juno** 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20. **Meet the Spartans** 12:10, 2, 4, 6, 8:10. **National Treasure: Book of Secrets** 12:30. **Rambo** 3, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30.

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MAJESTIC 10
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wednesday 6 — thursday 7
The Eye 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40. **Strange Wilderness** 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45. **Rambo** 12:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45. **Cloverfield** 2:40, 4:45, 7:05, 9:40. **Meet the Spartans** 12:45, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:35. **Atonement** 3:40, 9:10. **27 Dresses** 1, 4, 6:45, 9:30. **Juno** 1:20, 3:50, 7:50, 9:20. **Untraceable** 1:10, 4:10, 7, 9:25. **National Treasure: Book of Secrets** 12:50, 6:30. **The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep** 1:35. **The Bucket List** 1:05, 3:45, 5:40, 9:05. **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 12:40.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
***Fool's Gold** 1, 3:50, 6:50, 9:30. ***Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins** 1:15, 4, 7, 9:35. **The Eye** 4:10, 7:10, 9:40. **Strange Wilderness** 4:15, 9:45. **Rambo** 1:30, 7:15, 9:40. **Cloverfield** 1:40, 7:20. **Meet the Spartans** 1:45, 4:20, 7:25, 9:35. **27 Dresses** 1:20, 3:45, 6:40, 9:25. **Juno** 1:25, 3:40, 6:45, 9:10. **Untraceable** 1:35, 4:05, 7:05, 9:20. **The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep** 3:10. **The Bucket List** 1:05, 3:30, 6:30, 9. **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 1:30.

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Juno 7. **Atonement** 7.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
The Bucket List 2 (Sat & Sun), 6:30 & 9 (Fri & Sat), 7 (Sun-Thu). **Atonement** 6 & 8:30 (Fri & Sat), 7 (Sun-Thu). **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 2 (Sat & Sun).

MERRILL'S ROXY CINEMA
College Street, Burlington, 864-3456

wednesday 6 — thursday 7
No Country for Old Men 1:25, 3:55, 6:45, 9:10. **Atonement** 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:35. **Cassandra's Dream** 1:05, 3:40, 6:55, 9:20. **The Savages** 1:20, 7, 9:30. **I'm Not There** 3:45, 9:05. **The Bucket List** 1, 3, 7:20, 9:25. **The Kite Runner** 1:10, 6:30. **Blade Runner: Final Cut** 5. **Electric Apricot: Quest for Festeroo** 5.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
***Persepolis** 1:30, 4, 7:10, 9:25, 11:20 (Fri & Sat). ***Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show** 1, 3, 7:05, 9:20, 11:35 (Fri & Sat). ***Exodus: Live at the Rainbow** 5, 11:40 (Fri & Sat). **No Country for Old Men** 1:25, 3:45, 9:05. **Atonement** 1:15, 6:40, 9:10. **The Savages** 1:20, 3:50, 7, 9:15. **I'm Not There** 3:40, 6:45, 11:15 (Fri & Sat). **The Kite Runner** 1:05, 3:20. **Electric Apricot: Quest for Festeroo** 12 a.m. (Fri & Sat). **Blade Runner: Final Cut** 4:05, 11:30 (Fri & Sat).

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PALACE CINEMA 9
Fayette Road, South Burlington, 864-5610

wednesday 6 — thursday 7
There Will Be Blood 1:15, 2:45, 4:25, 6:15, 8, 9:20. **Michael Clayton** 1:05, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10. **Juno** 10:00 a.m. (Thu), 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25. **Man in the Chair** 3:40, 6:30. **Before the Devil Knows You're Dead** 12:55, 8:45. **27 Dresses** 1:10, 3:55, 7:50, 9:15. **Cloverfield** 12:35, 2:50, 7:10, 9:30. **The Great Debaters** 10:30 a.m. (Thu), 1, 9. **The Bucket List** 1:20, 4, 7:45, 9:05. **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 12:40. **How She Move** 5. **Sweeney Todd** 3:50, 6:25.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
***The Diving Bell and the Butterfly** 1, 3:45, 7:40, 9:15. ***Youth Without Youth** 12:55, 9. ***Fool's Gold** 10:30 a.m. (Thu), 1:05, 3:35, 6:45, 9:10. **There Will Be Blood** 1:15, 2:45, 4:25, 6:15, 8, 9:20. **Michael Clayton** 3:40, 6:30. **Juno** 12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:05, 9:20. **The Bucket List** 1:20 (except Sat & Sun), 4, 6:45, 9:05. **Cloverfield** 1:25, 9:20. **The Great Debaters** 3:30, 6:35. **27 Dresses** 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:10. **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 12:50. **Enchanted** 1:20 (Sat & Sun).

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PARAMOUNT TWIN CINEMA
241 North Main Street, Barre, 479-4921

wednesday 6 — thursday 7
The Eye 7. **Rambo** 7.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
The Eye 7 (Sun-Thu), 8:30 (Fri & Sat). **Juno** 1:30 (Sat & Sun), 6:30 & 8:30 (Fri & Sat), 7 (Sun-Thu). **Alvin and the Chipmunks** 1:30 (Sat & Sun), 6:30 (Fri & Sat).

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wednesday 6 — thursday 7
Juno 5, 7.

friday 8 — thursday 14
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STOWE CINEMA 3 PLEX
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27 Dresses 7. **Juno** 7. **Atonement** 7.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
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WELDEN THEATER
104 No. Main St., St. Albans, 527-7888

wednesday 6 — thursday 7
Rambo 7, 9. **27 Dresses** 8:30. **Cloverfield** 7. **Juno** 7, 9.

friday 8 — wednesday 13
Sweeney Todd 2 & 4 (Sat & Sun), 7, 9. **No Country for Old Men** 4 (Sat & Sun), 7:45, 9. **The Bucket List** 2 (Sat & Sun), 7, 9. **The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A VeggieTales Movie** 2 & 4 (Sat & Sun).

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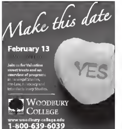
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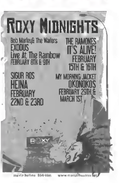
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BY SUZANNE PODHAIZER

For two and a half years, Chef Chris Hechanova ran a successful take-out and delivery business from his apartment kitchen. Though Big Chile Republic's advertising was limited to guerrilla tactics such as flyering car windshields, and its menu and hours could be erratic, it was a hit.

Since Hechanova shut down the business in May 2006, in-the-know Chittenden County residents have been clamoring for another taste of his flavorful Latin Filipino fusion cuisine. Talk of his fabled fish tacos, cauliflower cakes and meats cooked "adobo" style was enough to put a lustful gleam in many a local foodie's eye. (For those unfamiliar with Filipino cuisine — a novelty in Vermont — it combines influences from Malay, Chinese and Spanish cultures, a heady, highly seasoned blend.)

Now Hechanova is back, in a Colchester strip mall a stone's throw from Interstate 89. Junie's, which used to serve up cannoli and pizzas in the same space, has expanded into a multimillion-dollar building nearby.

Hechanova has partnered with Mark Gauthier, formerly of Red Square and Club Metronome, to bring his unique culinary sensibility back to the region, giving hungry folks a choice of delivery, take-out, catering or sit-down dining. Those who eat in are currently relegated to a tiny dining room with only 24 seats, but in a few weeks Big Chile will open a larger dining room upstairs, tripling its capacity.

Two visits in the restaurant's second week were enough to prove that this is some of the most original, vibrant food to be had in the Green Mountains. Chef Hechanova is masterful at balancing the flavors in a given dish. He always seems to include just the right amount of vinegar or spice. What further sets his food apart is his ability to use salt properly — enough to brighten other flavors, but not overwhelm them — a quality sorely lacking in so many Vermont chefs. I could easily be persuaded to order anything on the menu.

On my first, lunchtime visit, the service was casual and a touch lackadaisical — it took a while to get menus — though the food was ample compensation. We began with soup and salad, which sounds like standard lunch fare. But, like all of the dishes I tried at Big Chile, both offerings stood out from the crowd.

The salad was composed of a tangle of mizuna — a green with leaves shaped like a dandelion's, common in salad mixes — lightly coated in a cider-sherry dressing, with slices of sour apple, bits of queso fresco, slivered almonds and a smattering of Serrano ham. The plain mizuna was a refreshing change from ubiquitous mesclun mixes; it has a delicate, slightly piquant flavor. There wasn't much ham, but each meaty, flavorful bit went a long way.

The soup — a daily special — arrived with a pungent, deep-brown broth crowded with wide noodles, minuscule bits of beef and fat mushroom chunks. It tasted refreshingly of vinegar and spice, and the meaty mushroom pieces were imbued with flavor, although the noodles were approaching disintegration.

Next, we moved on to a couple of small plates. The fish in the fish tacos was lightly battered and fried, but not greasy in the slightest. It came on a bed of spiced red rice and was topped with onions, cilantro and a thick strip of smoked lemon mayo. (The shredded cabbage mentioned on the menu was nowhere to be found.) I loved the lemony condiment — reminiscent of a classier version of creamy, tangy tartar sauce — and was pleased with the light

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Greener Pastures

How do you keep young people down on the farm? With a bit of incentive

BY MIKE IVES

Everyone knows farming entails backbreaking labor. But in the 21st century, Vermont's "working landscape" itself deserves overtime pay, because there's a lot less of it than there used to be. The Vermont Housing and Conservation commission reports that almost 163,000 acres, or 11 percent, of "productive farmland" statewide were converted to "other uses" between 1987 and 2002.

Meanwhile, Green Mountain consumers and media are buzzing about locally grown and raised food. Seventy-three percent of residents value Vermont for "some aspect" of its "natural environment or rural characteristics," according to a 2006 report by the Center for Rural Studies, and "working farms" is the aspect that tops the list. But who's going to grow all those local tomatoes and maintain those bucolic pastures? With milk prices dipping and well-heeled urbanites scouting rustic second homes, even successful growers are feeling the pinch.

That's where the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) and the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) come in. Along with a coalition of state- and municipally based nonprofits, they run programs that make it possible for Vermont green thumbs to buy land or keep plowing. In some cases, farmers can sell "development rights," thus ensuring no one ever builds on their turf. In other cases, plots transfer between generations, or from ag estates to newbie couples. Plus, the Board provides infrastructure grants and technical assistance to farmers with tender bottom lines.

But will that support soon be a thing of the past? In his January 22 budget address, Governor Jim Douglas proposed siphoning $4.6 million from the VHCB in fiscal year 2009 to pay for Medicaid.

According to land trust regional co-director Allen Karnatz, the decision reflects "backtracking" on the state's "commitment to agriculture." That's presumably because VHCB, which has preserved more than 118,000 acres of farmland statewide since 1987, is the only source of public dollars for such initiatives in the state. If the Douglas cuts go through, roughly 50 ongoing farm-preservation projects will be deemed "at risk."

CHRISTIE ALEXANDER
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In the following portraits, *Seven Days* looks at three ag-preservation trends. These are snapshots, not a comprehensive portrait of farmland preservation, but they put human faces on the programs at stake in the current budget debates.

Islandacres Farm

Steven and Kelly Robinson
South Hero

Passing on the farm to the next generation

Steven Robinson isn't old, but he's already witnessed a few lifetimes' worth of change. The 46-year-old grew up on his father's South Hero dairy farm and never left. Meanwhile, the number of milking operations in the area has dwindled from more than 70 in the early 1960s to just *four* in 2008.

"Things used to be quiet here," Robinson recalls, gazing out his kitchen window at bustling Route 2 in downtown South Hero. "When I was a kid, traffic was nonexistent."

Despite the surrounding growth, Islandacres Farm isn't morphing into condominiums. By May, Steven and his wife Kelly will have purchased it from Steven's parents. As part of the deal, more than 80 percent of the 179-acre homestead will be protected by a "conservation easement," a legal clause prohibiting future housing construction. The easement "is the only way we've been able to do it," Robinson attests. Otherwise, he says, "we'd a been out of farming six years ago."

It hasn't been an easy process. When he first considered buying the farm in 2002, Robinson recalls, officials at the Williston-based Yankee Farm Credit told him, "Absolutely no way." Hurting from low milk prices, Islandacres had maxed out a $25,000 credit limit. Oh, and the market-rate value of Dad's dairy was appraised at "over a million dollars."

Enter the South Hero and Vermont land trusts. Two years ago, the nonprofits started guiding the Robinsons through a complicated easement application process. By September 2007, the couple had secured roughly $500,000 from the VHCB for a direct farm transfer. Once deeds are inked this spring, notes Robinson, his day-to-day operating expenses will shrink by at least two-thirds.

South Hero Land Trust Executive Director Minner Hobbs reports her "one-and-a-half" staffer group has conserved more than 1250 acres in Grand Isle County since 1997, most of it farmland. "It's been really important to us to work

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as much as we can with local farmers," she asserts from across the Robinsons' table. "It's all about finding common ground and common goals." Since this project is virtually settled, she assures, it won't be affected by Gov. Douglas' planned VHCB budget cut.

As Robinson tells it, some of his South Hero neighbors perceive Vermont Land Trust assistance as a "welfare thing" that hobbles landowners. But Hobbs says the Robinson agreement isn't remotely "anti-development" — it would conceivably allow Stevens' two sons, now 18 and 21, to build homes on adjacent, non-conserved patches.

Moreover, this deal could benefit the South Hero community. Kelly notes that the easement should free her up to run a farm stand on her front lawn — a potential resource for fellow growers. "Other farms that don't have great roadside locations could bring extra lettuce for us to sell," she speculates. "Or, if there's an organic chicken person, we could sell their eggs."

And that's just one plan. "With 10,000 cars passing by here every day," says her husband, "there's no reason they can't get some of my sister's donuts or some of Kelly's zucchini bread. Making our own cheese, ice cream? Bottling our own milk? A farm stand? A bed and breakfast? Commercial kitchen? Kelly makes the best peanut butter chocolate-chip cookies, gingersnaps . . ."

"Kelly makes the best a lot of things," Hobbs, 33, chimes in. Steven's parents used to baby-sit her in the early 1980s. "That whoopee pie you sent me home with the other day? *Whoa.* That was *so good!*"

Jericho Settlers' Farm

Christa and Emilie Alexander and Mark Fasching
Jericho

Shaking hands on a land-lease agreement

For all intents and purposes, Christa Alexander and Mark Fasching are regular old farmers. A given winter morning might find them patrolling a thousand-chicken hoop-house, stocking their retail meat cooler or putting pigs out to pasture.

There's just one catch: The young couple doesn't own a single productive acre. Instead

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crisp fish. A slightly spicy pulled-adobo-chicken wrap was redolent with cinnamon and chiles.

We ended lunch with a brownie and a lemon bar. The former was merely pleasant, but the hefty lemon bar was perfectly tart and sweet.

Since lunch had been a laid-back affair, I was surprised on arriving for Thursday night dinner to find a maitre d' and a server wearing a white shirt and tie. For the evening meal, we got a wine list, as well as a list of special tapas. Though I'd already planned the appetizers I wanted to try on this visit, I was swayed off course by two appealing specials: fried oysters on a mini Caesar salad with smoky tasso ham, and duck confit with Vermont blue cheese and a mashed-potato chimichanga. In addition, we ordered cauliflower cakes, and I got a glass of a Sauvignon Blanc to sip while we waited.

It was lucky I did, because the plates took a long time to arrive — so long that our server started to pace, looking edgy. After the kitchen finally delivered, he even asked us whether our dishes were worth the wait.

I began with one of the tender, deep-brown curried cauliflower cakes, served with goat cheese and an almond pea coulis. Delicious. By that time, my dining partner had eaten half the confit dish. We traded plates, but I couldn't find any blue cheese or potato. The savory, crispy duck leg was on a bed of hominy and cabbage instead. It seemed we'd received the confit dish from the regular menu rather than the tapas special, but we liked it enough to eat it instead of sending it back. I enjoyed the fried oysters, which showed up somewhat later. Unlike the salad I'd tried at lunch, the accompanying Caesar was weighed down with dressing, albeit a tasty, creamy one.

Though we may have begrudged our initial wait, we were glad to have some breathing room before the entrées showed up. I ordered a glass of Portuguese Quinta Dos Grilos, hoping its inky-colored, fruity red even though we'd ordered pork and chicken. Our server encouraged the experiment, explaining that he "was in love with" my chosen libation. It turned out to be a fine match for the ultra-crispy pork shoulder with tender white beans and crisp green beans, all topped with Spanish romesco sauce, traditionally made with pureed roasted red peppers and almonds.

The red also paired nicely with the adobo chicken on a bed of sour apples, queso fresco and hominy with sherry jus. The chicken was tender and juicy, the jus perfectly seasoned. I did think that, in this case, a sweeter apple might have been a better complement than a sour one. One other gripe: While the chicken breast was perfectly cooked, we found the leg, which we wrapped up and reheated the next day, to be undercooked at the bone.

Our waiter was gracious — and funny — when I toppled my glass of wine as I reached for the menu, splashing the floor *and* my husband's clothes. A good server can pick up on a table's mood and react accordingly, and this one did. We laughed good-naturedly about my clumsiness, and he mock-threatened to ask for my address in case of indelible stains.

We were too stuffed for dessert, but couldn't resist getting a chocolate-almond tart to go. It was a good thing we did. The generously proportioned tart included a layer of gooey, bittersweet caramel, dark chocolate and a thick coating of toasted almonds seasoned with cinnamon and a hint of salt. A puddle of orange-scented crème Anglaise surrounded the whole thing. When I'd recovered enough to eat it the next day, I pronounced it one of the most memorable desserts I've tried from a local restaurant.

From beginning to end, a meal at Big Chile Republic is eye-opening, tantalizing and tasteful. The food is moderately priced, too: BCR's most expensive entrée comes in at just under $23. Hearty small plates cost between $4 (for soup) and $11.95 (for duck), but most fall between $7 and $8. And vegetarians will appreciate the exciting meat-free options, such as arugula and chickpea salad with creamy coriander dressing, and lumpia (the Filipino take on eggrolls) stuffed with shiitake and oyster mushrooms, green beans and jicama. There's a vegetarian entrée of the day, too.

The days when Hechanova's food was Greater Burlington's best-kept secret are gone, but no one's got any reason to be nostalgic. I'm already planning my next meal. ⑦

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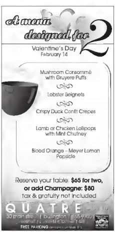
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they lease about 150 via non-binding "handshake agreements" with "five or six" local landowners including Christa's mom, Emilie. Such pacts enable them to harvest flowers, eggs, poultry, veggies and pasture-raised animals for Burlington-area families and farmers' markets. Consequently, these neo-sharecroppers reap profits without sinking into mortgage purgatory.

Turns out the casual-sounding "handshake" deals are supported by the state. Back in 2005, the Jericho couple's nascent operation began receiving aid from VHCB's Farm Viability Enhancement Program. The Board contributed $13,000 for pasture fencing and $2500 toward a walk-in cooler. These crucial funds helped Christa, 34, and Mark, 40, quit their day jobs and farm full-time.

VHCB also provides technical assistance. Since 2005, the Farm Viability program has paid consultants from the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont to provide Alexander and Fasching with how-to tips. "Farmer-to-farmer" mentors "basically reworked us through rewriting our business plan," Alexander recalls. "They helped us figure out where we wanted to go with the farm in the next five-10 years."

One result of such diligent consulting is the couple's community supported agriculture program (CSA). In 2005, they counted about 30 families on the roster. This past season, the number jumped to about 100 and Fasching expects it to double again this year. "Our timing on this was impeccable," he asserts. "There's so much press about 100-mile diets, localvores, that sort of thing. It all happened right when we were getting into this."

"There's definitely stuff like this happening in other places," Alexander adds. "But the support from both farmers and consumers in Vermont to make this local food network happen is incredible."

An upscale Jericho location, though, could prove a mixed blessing. Fasching estimates "bare land" values in his neighborhood at "no less than $10,000" per acre. Understandably, that makes any "handshake" lease agreement a bit precarious.

Alexander, however, points out that low-commitment deals can be healthy starting points for up-and-coming farm ventures. "For the safety of the farmer and the land owner, it's good to hit that formal agreement," she says. Pending that formalization, though, handshake agreements offer "the flexibility to try things out."

For his part, land lessor Tom Vogelmann terms the current Jericho Settlers Farm pseudo-lease "an interesting experiment." The University of Vermont botany professor lives in a nearby white house beside his father, a former UVM prof himself, who allocates 60 acres to Alexander and Fasching's herd of black-and-tan Devon Angus and Hereford beef cattle. "My dad bought the original farm in the late '50s, when all the hillside dairy farms were starting to go under," Vogelmann recalls. "We raised some Angus in the late '70s. There's always been a strong desire to keep the land as part of a working landscape."

Now 55, Vogelmann declares that his family's 370 acres of forest and pasture most likely comprise "the largest intact parcel left in Jericho." The Vogelmann property is enrolled in the state's "Current Use" program, which offers tax breaks to owners who steward their land in a sustainable fashion. Roughly 2 million acres are registered in the program statewide, for a total taxpayer savings of almost $60 million.

"New homes are popping up all over the place, so the landscape is changing," Vogelmann muses. "At the same time we're looking at what, gasoline going up to $4.50 a gallon next summer? It might make a lot of economic sense to have a farm in Jericho and Williston that can supply local produce."

Rockville Market Farm

Eric and Keenann Rozendaal
Starksboro

Elmer Farm

Jennifer and Spencer Blackwell
East Middlebury

Taking the Intervale skills back to the land

In 1998, veggie raiser Eric Rozendaal got a call from friend and UVM international development professor Dan Baker, a member of the Starksboro Agricultural Working Group. At the time, Rozendaal was growing food on a leased 10-acre plot in the Burlington Intervale. Did he want to buy a farm outright?

The call came at an opportune moment. Rozendaal and his then-partner Julie Rubaud were looking to settle within striking distance of Burlington, so the short answer was "yes." But, as Rozendaal recalls, "There were certain things that needed to be figured out."

Those 70-some Starksboro acres, he learned, belonged to a 600-plus-acre property that included a foreclosed gravel pit, a "riparian corridor," a woodlot and a baseball field. The Vermont Land Trust brokered an epic mixed-use conservation easement in 2000. Eight years later, Rozendaal is one of three ex-Intervalers who have, with help from VLT and VHCB, made a successful transition to permanent digs.

That pattern reflects the mission of the Intervale Center's "Farms Program," which has established a "cafeteria of technical and mechanical support" for newbie farmers. After a few years of plowing the Burlington lowlands, the thinking goes, farm "graduates" amass enough chutzpah and know-how to manage their own patches.

Post-grad life can be rocky but rewarding. Sitting by his computer on a recent afternoon, flannel-clad Rozendaal laments that VLT's easement-drafting bureaucracy was "frustrating" at times. Still, he pledges, "I have nothing but praise for the land trust. Otherwise [my 108 acres] wouldn't have been affordable." He bought them for a mere $85,000. Rockville Market Farm currently sells to a Whole Foods distributor and a host of Greater Burlington's "usual suspects," such as City Market, Healthy Living, Stone Soup and Penny Cluse Cafe.

What's cooking with the next generation? Last year, VLT helped State Representative and Intervale farmer Dave Zuckerman (P-Burlington) score a plot in Hinesburg. And down the road in East Middlebury, Jennifer and Spencer Blackwell are breaking ground at 90-acre Elmer Farm, which they acquired in 2006 after an "intense" easement-application process.

"I'd been looking for land for many years before I got to the Intervale, but hadn't had much luck," says Spencer, who founded Intervale Bean & Grain in 2003 with a "fair amount of vegetable experience" under his belt. A few years later, his wife Jennifer got wind of the Elmer Farm property via email from a business contact. The Blackwells subsequently became two of the first-ever applicants for VLT's Farmland Access Program, which works in tandem with UVM's Center for Sustainable Agriculture to place qualified farmers on open soil. "We came down here, checked it out, and thought it would work for us," Blackwell recalls.

In October 2006, the couple purchased the Elmer farm for $240,000 — fully half of its assessed market-rate value. As part of the deal, VLT gets first "right of refusal" on any potential resale unless the farm stays in the family or transfers to a fellow farmer. In summer of 2008, the Blackwells plan to sell vegetables, black beans and winter grains to the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op & Café, and a few local farmers' markets and restaurants.

"It's a dream," Blackwell reflects. He spent 2007 tilling and renovating the couple's home and caring for their newborn son, Angus. "It's been a hectic year and a half, and we're itching to settle into our life here." ⑦

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RESTAURANT CLOSINGS AND CHEF CHANGES

C'est triste. After 13 years as a Vermont dining destination, **Christophe's on the Green** in Vergennes has closed for good, and lovers of haute cuisine are in mourning. Co-owner **Alice Lissarrague** reports that when the restaurant shut down for its traditional winter break in January, she and her husband, Chef **Christophe Lissarrague**, had every intention of reopening. But after examining the numbers, she says, "We decided we just couldn't do it. ... It just didn't make financial sense."

This may seem odd timing, given all the accolades Christophe's received in 2007. *Fodor's* gave it "top pick" status, as did Travelocity. *The Boston Globe* chose it as one of the "top restaurants in New England," and *Saveur* magazine selected it as New England's "restaurant of the year for innovative cuisine."

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CHRISTOPHE LISSARRAGUE

All that press didn't mean the dollars were rolling in. "It was just always a financial struggle for us, being in Vergennes and having a high-end restaurant. There's lots of traffic at some times of the year, at others there's very little," Alice observes. "If we'd gotten into *Gourmet* or a magazine like that, it probably would have ensured our survival."

Another tricky aspect was deciding whether to serve dinner during the slow season. A winter shutdown was better for the bottom line but made it impossible to keep good help. "The only reason we decided to go through the whole year was so Christophe could keep a good sous chef, etc.," Alice says. As it stands, the pair is exploring other opportunities. "It's heartbreaking. ... This is not what we wanted to have happen," she says. Especially the week before Valentine's Day.

There's been a significant changement at French-flavored **Quatre Bistro** on Main Street in Burlington. Chef **Frank Pace**, formerly of **Smokejacks** and the **Shelburne Supermarket**, is the restaurant's new executive chef. "We're making traditional bistro dishes using local Vermont ingredients," explains Pace. "We make everything in house, including pastries." Pace is seeking a local supplier to turn out Quatre's crusty loaves. He's getting his poultry from **Misty Knoll Farms**, his chevre and Bonne Bouche cheeses from **Vermont Butter & Cheese** and butternut squash from **Arcadia Brook Farm**. Come summer, Pace will be adding to the Amuse order with produce from **Arethusa** and **Pitchfork Farms**.

During lunch, the resto sticks with more conventional fare such as sandwiches, salads and soups. In the evenings, though, the French accent is more pronounced. What's on the dinner menu? French classics such as *entrecote de boeuf*, *coq au vin* and *escargots Bourguignon*.

Tilley's Cafe on lower Church Street in Burlington, has a new chief cook, too: **Ben Roberts**, a recent UVM graduate, has been working at the restaurant since it opened. Around the holidays, when the owners needed someone to step up in the kitchen, Roberts was the man for the job. The young chef whips up tastes of the tropics including coconut prawns, Hawaiian escolar and "*Paniolo*" steak named after the famous Hawaiian cattle ranchers.

Roberts has been getting advice from a seasoned expert. Chef **Mark Timms** of the **Vermont National Country Club** has been working with Tilley's as a consultant; he's a mentor of sorts for Roberts.

Like Chef Timms, Roberts is interested in good works as well as in good food. Once a month Tilley's invites youngsters from the **King Street Youth Center** to dine at the restaurant for free. It's a program that Timms, who grew up in foster homes, pioneered at VNCC.

Says Timms, "What I'm trying to get off the ground is to get a few area restaurants to invite 10 kids in once a month. ... I want these kids to gain confidence in a social setting." He's hoping to convince a few more downtown restaurants [illegible] King Street to serve the greater good.

Getting on Board

A VERMONT COMPANY EARNS CELEBRITY CHEF CRED

The guy who makes the cutting board doesn't usually meet the celebrity chef using it to mince shallots. But last fall, **David Glickman**, owner of the **Vermont Butcher Block & Board Company** got the call that every craftsperson craves: The assistant of **Chef Daniel Boulud** was seeking a company to make 60 serving boards for Boulud's new restaurant, Bar Boulud, and **VBB&B** was on the short list.

"We ended up sending a number of samples," Glickman explains. "I was told that there were four or five other companies involved." Why did Boulud's staffers ultimately choose him? "I think they wanted to go with us because of the Vermont connection and because of the customer service we provided," he guesses. "They wanted something uniform and beautiful as opposed to something mass-manufactured." When the restaurant opened on December 31, they were serving charcuterie such as house-made pates and sausages on VBB&B boards.

Along with the sale, Glickman also scored dinner for four at Boulud's New York flagship restaurant, Daniel. He plans to redeem the free meal in early March, when he goes to New York to talk with the restaurant about an order of custom-made wine coasters. "They want something that matches the style of the restaurant," he says.

The woodworker isn't the only one who's excited about the trip. His wife, **Susan Glickman**, is a foodie, too. She's the head librarian in charge of NECI's culinary book, movie and magazine collection, with 5700 plus holdings. It's a good bet that some of Boulud's many tomes, such as *Cooking with Daniel Boulud*, are among them.

Nutty About Vermont Chocolate

STEPH RIEKE SWEETENS THE DEAL

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Montpelierites have a new place to come for cacao: the **Montpelier Chocolate Factory** on River Street.

In November, **"Nutty Steph" Rieke**, 27, owner of **Nutty Steph's Vermont Granola**, merged her company with **Allan Sirotkin's** Green River Chocolates of Brattleboro — one of the suppliers for her cereal company. The combined biz, which is now located in Rieke's capital city granola factory, held its grand opening last Saturday and will be open for extended hours until V-day. Visitors should check out a chocolate-dipped banana-and-apricot concoction Rieke is billing as "a sensual chocolate treat."

On March 5, **Restaurant Phoebe** is partnering with the new chocolate company to hold a seven-course chocolate tasting dinner. While the menu isn't set, the chef is thinking about savory dishes such as cocoa-dusted Maine diver scallops and chocolate and hazelnut-glazed elk steaks with sweet potato and cranberry risotto. The $80 prix fixe includes drinks.

— SUZANNE PODHAIZER

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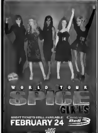

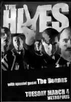

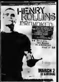

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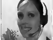

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GHOST STORY

The last we heard from Burlington indie-rock stalwarts **Ghosts of Pasha**, they had just set a record for the quickest club clear-out in recent local rock memory. But it wasn't really their fault. The scene was a steamy summer evening at The Monkey House and the band had the unenviable task of following Burlington ex-pat **Matt Cleary** and a special pre-wedding performance from local garage rawkers **The Cave Bees**. Burlington scenesters past and present came out en masse to celebrate the impending nuptials of Bees co-founders **Steve Tremblay** and **Rebekah Whitehurst**. By the time GOP took the stage, this particular good old party was, frankly, rocked the hell out. What else would you reasonably expect from a roomful of hipsters pushing middle age? Apparently even the cool kids have bed times.

Fortunately, the band took it all in stride and promptly embarked on a lengthy U.S. tour. According to drummer/keyboardist **Mike Finch**, not a soul walked out on the band during the group's summer road trip. Kudos.

The group is set to release not one, not two, but three CDs, collectively titled *Way to the Farm*, on their brand-spankin' new label 2SDSLAB. After the well-received releases of the band's past EPs, Wednesday, February 6, Ghosts of Pasha celebrate the birth of their new sonic triple play at The Bulb, the latest (only?) entry into Johnson's club scene. The band follows up the performance with a taping for local late-nite funny-sh man **Tim Kavanagh's** "Late Night Saturday" show on WCAX, set to air Saturday, February 16.

GHOSTS OF PASHA

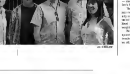
HOMECOMING

With all the fretting over the so-called "brain drain" siphoning the state's best and brightest away for greener (i.e., more lucrative) pastures, it's easy to forget the phenomenon has been affecting our music scene for, well, about as long as we've had a music scene. "Dude, I gotta move to the city," is an all-too-frequent refrain among struggling local artists and musicians. As if fleeing to NYC suddenly gives your band more cred or, in the most delusional cases, talent. (Hint: it doesn't.) Anyway, it's always nice to see local products come home, if only for a visit.

South Burlington High School grad **Ben Lee** — no, not that Ben Lee — has been living in Boston and playing with a group called **Jo Henley**. Lee co-founded the band in winter 2006 with fellow Boston-based songwriter **Andy Campolieto** and released an EP entitled *Long Way Home* shortly thereafter. The Americana group describes itself as "**Neil Young** meets **Nickel Creek** with the boozy backroads feel of **Whiskeytown**." Frankly, that's not far off the mark.

The twangy sextet certainly owes a hefty debt to the likes of Young and early **Ryan Adams**. And with playful mandolin licks and fiddle refrains, there are definite echoes of the dearly departed **Nickel Creek**. Their seven-song debut drew rave reviews from Beantown critics and garnered comparisons to the work of country godfather **Gram Parsons**. But, honestly, what contemporary country-rock outfit hasn't been compared to the late, great grievous angel? There must be some unwritten rock-critic code that if a band fuses country and rock, you have to mention Parsons in the review. But I digress.

No one will ever confuse Jo Henley with **The Byrds** or **The Flying Burrito Brothers**. But Lee and his cohorts craft fine alt-country tunes laced with heart-on-sleeve lyricism and deft, tasteful musicianship. A full-length album is planned for March of this year. In the meantime, Burlingtonians can welcome Lee home this Thursday as Jo Henley opens for Rutland's **The Matt Zetner Band** at Nectar's.



JO HENLEY

SWEET NECTAR

Speaking of Nectar's, in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the venue changing ownership, "the house that Phish built" is undergoing yet another facelift. The changes won't be as dramatic as when owner **Damon Brink** and company completely renovated the legendary nightclub, turning the joint from a greasy dive bar to a legit music venue. But they'll be noticeable.

Priority number one: overhauling the venue's restroom, which I'm told is pretty nasty. Also planned are more televisions throughout, additional back décor, new seating, an expanded wine list and a renewed emphasis on barbecue using local meats and produce.

Thankfully, the renovations will include Club Metronome, which will receive new floors, lighting and updated bathrooms. I wonder if that means there will finally be a door on the toilet in the men's room? Or, maybe even a soft bench at the bar? A guy can dream, right?

The upgrades are a continued response to a survey conducted shortly after the club changed hands, based primarily on suggestions made by patrons. Many viewed the initial modifications with a degree of skepticism — including yours truly. But it appears the folks at Nectar's really do have the best interests of music fans in mind. And while the awkwardly skinny stage may be gone forever, at least the club is in good hands.

DEJA VU

We haven't heard from local jazz guru **James Harvey** in a while. In fact, it's been almost a year to the day since my predecessor, the estimable **Casey Rae-Hunter**, wrote about the very show I'm about to mention and used a nearly identical opening line. Weird.

At the time, *Seven Days* reported that Harvey had taken a bit of a hiatus from composing and performing, citing the inevitable burnout that comes from playing in crowded bars for decades. Shortly after that report, the onetime **Giant Country Horns** frontman — that would be Phish's horn section — played a couple of gigs and then promptly receded from the public eye. But like February's groundhog, this Friday Harvey will poke his head out to get a read on the weather — musically speaking — and perform a solo jazz piano show at St. Leo's Parish Hall in Waterbury.

Though best known for his trombone work, Harvey is also an accomplished pianist, and Friday's performance will be a rare opportunity to see a master at play. Drawing from an expansive repertoire including works by **Duke Ellington**, **Cole Porter** and **Rodgers & Hart**, the reclusive musician also will present a few of his own weighty compositions.

Harvey is a local legend in the jazz scene, and many of today's up-and-coming acts, such as guitarist **Nicholas Cassarino** and ace trombonist **Andrew Moroz**, owe him a huge debt of gratitude. As do we all.

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DJ CRE8 (hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC.
STRUNG WEDNESDAY WITH MIA ADAMS & D. DAVIS (acoustic), 1/2 Lounge, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **DJ A-DOG** (hip-hop), 10 p.m. NC.
LIVE MUSIC, Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5 18+
OPEN MIKE, Manhattan Pizza, 10 p.m. NC. AA.
SUPERSTAR KARAOKE, Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC.
DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
CELTIC PARTY WITH TRINITY & THE GREEN MOUNTAIN IRISH STEP DANCERS, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.

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OPEN SESSION: POSITIVE MUSIC (funk, hip-hop, reggae), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.
KARAOKE, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

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OPEN MIKE, Monopole, 9 p.m. NC.
BEYOND GUITAR HERO, Olive Ridley's, 8 p.m. NC.
GHOSTS OF PASHA (jaffe-rock), The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
FRED BRAUER (singer-songwriter), [illegible], 7:30 p.m. NC.

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JAZZ JAM, Radio Bean, 8 p.m. NC. **SHANE HARDIMAN GROUP** (jazz), 9 p.m. NC. **ANTHONY SANTOR TRIO** (jazz), 11 p.m. NC.
ELLEN POWELL & GEOFF KIM (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.
JOHN BRAZIL BAND (rock), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
A-DOG PRESENTS (hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC.
LOVER'S ROCK WITH [illegible] (soul), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.
TOP HAT TRIVIA, Nectar's, 7:30 p.m. NC, followed by **THE MATT ZEINER BAND, JD HENLEY** (rock), 9 p.m. NC.
LESLIE & THE LY'S, THE SMITTENS, THE PHYSICS CLUB (indie-rock), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. $8.
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TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT DANCE PARTY (hip-hop, R&B, 80s), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. NC.
REGGAE NIGHT WITH DOUBLE 2 & KEBBIE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
DJ FATTIE B (downtempo, soul), The Green Room, 9 p.m. NC.
COLLEGE SHOWCASE WITH ASHLEY BILODEAU (singer-songwriter), The Skinny Pancake, 8 p.m. NC.
BAREFOOT TRUTH, PARKER HOUSE & THEORY, TAYLOR CARSON (roots-rock, funk, singer-songwriter), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7:30 p.m. $8/10. AA.
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northern

SLOW NATIVES (reggae), Moonpole, 10 p.m. NC.

ELEPHANT BEAR (rock), Olive Ridley's, 8 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE NIGHT WITH SASSY ENTERTAINMENT, Tuba Café & Nightclub, 9 p.m. NC.

PLOWMAN'S RESERVE (rock), The Matterhorn, 8 p.m. NC.

DELTA JUNCTION (blues), The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

LIVE MUSIC, Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

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burlington area

ANDY ALLEN GROUP (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. **GWEN TEMPLE** (folk, country), 8 p.m. NC. **THE YEAR'S BEST** (alive), 10 p.m. NC.

SONGWRITER NIGHT WITH ANDREW PARKER RENSA, Parima Acoustic Lounge, 8 p.m. NC.

SUPERSTUNNER DJ (top 40), Rí Rá Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

WANDERLUST (rock), Red Square, 8 p.m. $3. Followed by **DJ MASTER** (hip-hop), midnight. $5.

OLD SCHOOL VS. NU SKOOL WITH DJ ENTITIE B (hip-hop), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

CHINESE ALESSA (hardcore, punk), 242 Main, 7 p.m. $7. AA.

THE CHAD HOLLISTER BAND (rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. $5.

BONJOUR HI! A MONTREAL DANCE PARTY WITH DJ TENNIS TSUNAMI, DJ TRAUMATIC, DJ SPENCER THE (electronica), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. $5/10. 18+

THE RAT BANCKETERIA (80s), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.

VIBESS WITH DJ ROBBIE J. (hip-hop, reggae, Latin), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $3/10. 18+

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ INFINITE (funk, soul, groove), The Green Room, 10 p.m. NC.

GINGER JACK (folk), The Skinny Pancake, 8:30 p.m. NC.

RAQ, THE BRIDGE, RAGBUFF (rock, jam), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8 p.m. $10/12. 18+

SMITRAIN, GRATEFUL BREAD (reggae-rock, Grateful Dead tribute), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8:30 p.m. $10/12. AA

LATIN DANCE PARTY WITH DJ HECTOR (salsa, merengue), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. $3/5. 18+

STRANDED (rock), Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.

STONECRAFT (rock), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.

THE HITMEN (rock), Franny O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.

U BE THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS KARAOKE WITH MICHAEL-LEA LINDE, Champlain Lanes Family Fun Center, 8 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

SWING NOIRE (Gypsy jazz), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.

CITY LIMITS DANCE PARTY, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

central

STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS (rockabilly), Charlie O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.

AMERICANA HAPPY HOUR, Langdon St. Café, 6 p.m. Donations. **DARE** (alt-folk), 8 p.m. Donations. **THE HIGHWAY** (rock), 10 p.m. Donations.

MUDSPRIK (swampy-tonk), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5.

BLUE LIGHT JAZZ, Positive Pie 2, 8 p.m. Donations.

LAST KID PICKED (rock), Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC.

LONGFORD ROW (Celtic), Cider House BBQ & Pub, 7 p.m. NC.

REGGAE NIGHT, The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

OPEN MIKE WITH BRUCE JONES, Purple Moon Pub, 8 p.m. NC.

JAMIS HARVEY (jazz piano), St. Leo's Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m. $10.

THE ZOT (rock), Pickle Barrel Nightclub, 9 p.m. $5. 18+

northern

LIVE MUSIC, JP's Pub, 9:30 p.m. $3.

STAKEDOWN (rock), Bayside Pavilion, 8 p.m. NC.

SHAMELESS STRANGERS (rock), Moonpole, 10 p.m. NC.

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THE FURY (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC.
LIVE MUSIC, [illegible] Saloon, 8 p.m. NC.
DJ HIGH LUV (hip-hop), Rusty Nail, 9 p.m. $5.
THE MATT ZEIHER BAND (rock), The Matterhorn, 9 p.m. NC.
[illegible] & DJ TWO RIVERS (hip-hop), The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
LASLO GAMES (electric harp), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

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burlington area

JUSTIN LEVINSON (singer-songwriter), Radio Bean, 6 p.m. **JEREMY NICHOLSON** (singer-songwriter), 7 p.m. NC. **REBECCA CORREIA** (singer-songwriter), 8 p.m. NC. **GABRIEL MIRELES** (singer-songwriter), 9 p.m. NC. **THE LEAVES** (rock), 11 p.m. NC.
THE X RAYS (rock), Rí Rá Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
KENNY MEHLER BAND (rock), Red Square, 9 p.m. $3, followed by **DJ A-DOG** (hip-hop), [illegible], $3.
CHITWELL & BEETLEPEZZ (eclectic DJs), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.
THE [illegible] BELL BAND, DEANNA MOORE (funk, singer-songwriter), Nectar's, 9 p.m. $5.
RETRONOME (dance party), Club Metronome, 10 p.m. $5.
MASSIVE (DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.
LATIN DANCE PARTY WITH DJ HECTOR (salsa, merengue), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $5/10. 18+.
DJ C-LOW (hip-hop), Ruben James, 10 p.m. NC.
FRAGILE THE JAZZ CABARET, FlynnSpace, 8 p.m. $14/18. AA.
DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
"PULSE" WITH LIVE DJ (electronica), Green Room, 10 p.m. NC.
DJ ANUBUS & JZ (hip-hop, reggae), Plan B, 9 p.m. NC.
ROGUE BIRDS (folk), The Skinny Pancake, 8 p.m. NC.
TRACI & PAUL CASSARINO (jazz), Harbor Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC.
JENNI JOHNSON & FRIENDS (jazz, blues), Avenue Bistro, 9 p.m. NC.
APRIL WINE, NOBBY REED PROJECT (rock, blues), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8:30 p.m. $16/18. AA.
BOB MARLEY (stand-up comedy), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7/10 p.m. $15/17. 18+.
LONGFORD ROW (Celtic), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. $5.
OPEN MIKE WITH MIKE PELKEY, Banana Winds Café & Pub, 8 p.m. NC.
NIGHTRAIN (rock), Backstage Pub, 8:30 p.m. NC.
STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS (rockabilly), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.
BALANCE DJ & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

TERRY DIERS & THE SKINK (R&B), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.
DANCE PARTY WITH DJ EARL, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.
BREAD & STONES (folk), The Walkover Gallery, 7:30 p.m. $10.
[illegible] (old time), Carol's Hungry Mind, 7:30 p.m. $10.

central

RACHEL RICE & THE COSMIC AMERICANS (Americana), Charlie O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.
2 ADAM 12 (funk-R&B), Langdon St. Café, 9 p.m. Donations.
GRAVEL (heavy-jazz), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5.
LIVE MUSIC, Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC.
FABULOUS MARTHA STRING BAND (folk), Cider House BBQ & Pub, 7 p.m. NC.
HAPPY HOUR WITH JAMIE (rock), Pickle Barrel Nightclub, 4 p.m. NC. 18+, followed by **AVALANCHE** (rock), 9:30 p.m. $5. 18+.
DAMN YANKEE STRING BAND (Americana), The Music Box, 7:30 p.m. $10.

northern

PULSE PROPHETS (reggae), Monopole, 10 p.m. NC.
CARL PEACOCK (singer-songwriter), Monopole Downstairs, 10 p.m. NC.
THE GRIFT (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC.

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Akes' Place, 134 Church St., Burlington, [illegible]
All Good [illegible], [illegible], Barre, 479-[illegible]
The Alley Coffee House, 13 Kingsbury St., St. Albans, [illegible]
American Flatbread, 115 St. Paul St., Burlington, 861-2999
[illegible], 3887 [illegible], Burlington, 552-[illegible]
Backstage Pub, 60 Pearl St., Essex Jct., 878-5494
[illegible], 37 Hudson St., St. Albans, 527-[illegible]
[illegible] Cafe, Main St., Johnson, 635-[illegible]
Banana Winds Cafe & Pub, 1 Towne Marketplace, Essex Jct., 879-0752
Barre Opera House, 6 North Main St., Barre, 476-8188
Basin Harbor Club, 4800 Basin Harbor Rd., Vergennes, 1-800-622-4000
Battery Park, Burlington, 865-7130
Bayside Pavilion, 13 Georgia Shore Rd., St. Albans, 524-0909
The Bearded Frog, 5247 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 985-9877
Bee's Knees, 82 Lower Main St., Morrisville, 888-7889
Big [illegible] BBQ, 51 Main St., Burlington, 864-[illegible]
Big Moose Pub at the Fire & Ice Restaurant, 26 Seymour St., Middlebury, 388-0361
Big Picture Theater & Cafe, 48 Carroll Rd., Waitsfield, 496-8994
Black Bear Tavern & Grill, 205 Hastings Hill, St. Johnsbury, 748-3420
Black Door Bar & Bistro, 44 Main St., Montpelier, 223-7070
Blue Star Cafe, 28 Main St., Winooski, 654-8700
The Bobcat Cafe, 5 Main St., Bristol, 453-3311
Bolton Valley Resort, 4302 Bolton Access Rd., Bolton Valley, 434-3444
[illegible] & Grill, 35 Portland St., Morrisville, 888-[illegible]
[illegible], 28 Church St., Burlington, 865-2711
Breakwater Cafe, 1 King St., Burlington, 658-6276
The Brewski, Rt. 108, Jeffersonville, 644-6366
[illegible], Colchester, 655-[illegible]
[illegible] des Arts, Rt. 100, [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] Lounge, 3173 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, [illegible]
Capital Grounds, 45 State St., Montpelier, 223-7800
Carol's Hungry Mind Cafe, 24 Merchant's Row, Middlebury, 388-[illegible]
Champlain Lanes Family Fun Center, 2630 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 985-2576
[illegible], Rt. 100, Morrisville, 888-[illegible]
[illegible], 1746 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 253-[illegible]
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Club Metronome, 188 Main St., Burlington, 865-4563
[illegible], Burlington City Hall, 865-7166
[illegible] Nightclub, 230 North Main St., Barre, 479-[illegible]
[illegible], 20 Church Street, Burlington, [illegible]
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[illegible] Pub, 195 College St., Burlington, 864-[illegible]
FlynnSpace, 153 Main St., Burlington, 863-5966
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JP's Pub, 139 Main St., Burlington, 864-[illegible]
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Langdon St. Café, 4 Langdon St., Montpelier, 223-8667
[illegible], 165 Church St., Burlington, [illegible]
Lincoln Inn Tavern, 4 Park St., Essex Jct., 878-3309
Lincoln Inn Pub, [illegible], Jeffersonville, [illegible]
Localfolk Smokehouse, Jct. Rt. 100 & 17, Waitsfield, 496-5623
Mad River Unplugged at Valley Players Theater, Rt. 100, Waitsfield, [illegible]
Maggie's, 124 Margaret St., Plattsburgh, 518-561-[illegible]
Main St. Grill, 118 Main St., Montpelier, 223-3188
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Manhattan Pizza & Pub, 167 Main St., Burlington, 658-6776
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McKee's Pub, [illegible], Winooski, [illegible]
Memorial Auditorium, 250 Main St., Burlington, 864-6044
Middle Earth Music Hall, [illegible], Bradford, 222-[illegible]
The Monkey House, 30 Main St., Winooski, 655-4563
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Muddy Waters, 184 Main St., Burlington, 658-0466
[illegible], Essex Jct., 878-[illegible]
Music Box, 147 Creek Rd., Craftsbury, 586-7533
Naked Turtle, 1 Dock St., Plattsburgh, N.Y., 518-566-6200
Nectar's, 188 Main St., Burlington, 658-4771
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Old Lantern, Greenbush Rd., Charlotte, 425-2120
Olde Yankee Restaurant, Rt. 15, Jericho, [illegible]
Olive Ridley's, 37 Court St., Plattsburgh, 518-324-[illegible]
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[illegible] Pub & Grill, Route 108, Jeffersonville, 644-[illegible]
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Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St., Rutland, 775-0570
Parima, 185 Pearl St., Burlington, [illegible]
Park Place Tavern, 38 Park St., Essex Jct., 878-[illegible]
Peabody's Pub, Plattsburgh, 518-[illegible]
Pickle Barrel Nightclub, Killington Rd., Killington, 422-3035
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Positive Pie 2, 22 State St., Montpelier, 229-[illegible]
The Pour House, 1900 Williston Rd., South Burlington, [illegible]
Purple Moon Pub, Rt. 100, Waitsfield, 496-[illegible]
Radio Bean, 8 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, 660-9346
Rasputin's, 163 Church St., Burlington, 864-9324
Red Mill Restaurant at Basin Harbor, Vergennes, 475-2311
Red Square, 136 Church St., Burlington, 859-8909
Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse, UVM, Burlington, [illegible]
Ripton Community Coffee House, Rt. 125, [illegible]
Rí Rá Irish Pub, 123 Church St., Burlington, 860-9401
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[illegible] Restaurant & Tavern, [illegible] Main St., Burlington, [illegible]
Ruben James, 159 Main St., Burlington, 864-0744
Rusty Nail, Mountain Rd., Stowe, [illegible]
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Second Floor, 165 Church St., Burlington, 660-2088
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Skinny Pancake, 60 Lake St., Burlington, 540-[illegible]
Smugglers' Notch Inn, 55 Church St., Rt. 108, Jeffersonville, 644-6607
St. John's Club, 9 Central Ave., Burlington, 864-9778
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Sweetwaters, 120 Church St., Burlington, [illegible]
Tabu Cafe & Nightclub, 84 Margaret St., Plattsburgh, 518-566-[illegible]
T. Bones Restaurant & Bar, [illegible], Colchester, 654-[illegible]
35 Main Street Pub, 35 Main St., Winooski, [illegible]
Three Mountain Lodge, Jeffersonville, 644-5736
Tuckaway Tavern, [illegible] Malletts Bay Ave., Winooski, 655-[illegible]
Three Mountain Lodge Restaurant, Smugglers Notch Road, Rt. 108, Jeffersonville, 644-5736
Two Brothers Tavern, 86 Main St., Middlebury, 388-[illegible]
242 Main, Burlington, 862-2244
Upper Deck Pub at the Windjammer, 1076 Williston Rd., S. Burlington, 862-6585
Valley Players Theater, Rt. 100, Waitsfield, 496-[illegible]
Vermont Pub & Brewery, 144 College St., Burlington, 865-0500
Village Tavern at Smugglers' Notch Inn, 55 Church St., Jeffersonville, 644-6607
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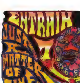

With psychedelic cover art recalling the work of 1960s graphic design icon Stanley Mouse (think almost every Grateful Dead album ever), *Just a Matter of Time* looks like a throwback to the heady heyday of germ-mashing noggle-rock. And in many ways that's just what Entrain's brand is — the band's name, after all, stems from a term coined by Dead drummer Mickey Hart: "entrainment." The Martha's Vineyard sextet bills itself as a "funky world-jam-ska reggae-rock stew with enough drums to sink a battleship." Typically, that's just the sort of description that would send a jaded rock critic running to the bathroom to vomit, swearing off music forever-and-become-an-accountant. Typically. Though deliriously upbeat and loaded with enough clichéd hippie-dippy pseudo-wisdom to sink a whole fleet, Entrain's work adheres to, in fact, superbly played and unfailingly infectious.

The band was founded in the early 1990s by drummer Tom Major, and each member has a fine musical pedigree — Major himself was a longtime touring percussionist for rock 'n' roll icon Bo Diddley. It comes as no surprise that this collection of paradise players can kick out the jams with the best of 'em. From the ass-shaking funk of album opener "Doo It Do" and the slinky hiccups of the following track, "Got to Get Through to You," to the nimble groove of "A Long Time Ago" and the heat-seeking Cajun shuffle of "Sad Joe Zydeco," Entrain cooks a mean musical stew and shows commendable proficiency with each ingredient.

If we're to continue with the stew analogy — hey, they started it — then song lyrics would be the garnish. I hate parsley: they're lightweight, pretty to look at, virtually devoid of nutritional value. If Entrain's lyrics were a side salad, it would consist primarily of iceberg lettuce.

Elvis Costello once posed the question in a song of the same name, "What's So Funny 'Bout Peace, Love and Understanding?" With their simple poesy, the Entrain gang likely offered more laughs than Entrain down with an extra album (14 tracks, 60-plus minutes). The disc's most egregious offense lyric-wise is the eighth cut, "Drums for Peace." The groovy hip-hop anthem is about — you guessed it — drumming for peace. Dude. One imagines the eleventh track, "C Dawn Flam," covers similar territory. As it's essentially a 3-minute drum circle with no lyrics — no anything but drums, actually — we can't be sure. But we can *feel* it, too.

Entrain brings the funky stew this Friday at Higher Ground's Showcase Lounge with reggae-infused Jerry Garcia acolytes Grateful Dread — are you effin' kidding me? Eat heartily. But bring your own parsley.

DAN BOLLES

THE CANCER CONSPIRACY, Ω

(Radon Recordings/Gilead Media, CD/Vinyl)

Since the release of their debut EP in 2000, Burlington's Cancer Conspiracy have attracted more than their fair share of made-up, obscure labels. Post rock? Yeah. Math rock? Why not? Prog-rock? Maybe a little. Post prog? I mean, come on. Whatever you call it, the band's latest and sadly final offering is an album so heavy of pretense it almost has to seem pretentious. Titled simply Ω, it comes in a stark white album cover (available in black on vinyl) with lower-case Roman numerals as song titles. Contrary to the unadorned cover, the disc contains a sound so lush it is at once indescribable and yet intimately familiar.

The first song, "i," is an ethereal, minimal intro track which, for me, is pretty much a write-off. But "ii" immediately evokes the prog spirit of Dream Theater with lurching guitars that echo through the tune's meandering construct. Here the band avoids the prototypical "loud-soft-loud" format embraced by post rock. Instead, guitar riffs layer upon each other, progressively forging dark and frantic.

"iv" employs ambient guitar by Beryl Rabideau that yields to Greg Beadle's precision drum work. The eerie "vi" demonstrates another facet of the band's repertoire, featuring looming keys — also courtesy of Beadle — and swirling guitars in a cacophonous piece that leaves me feeling like a travel tossed around in the abyss.

"vii" is the standout on this fine collection. The song features harmonious yet discordant soundscapes not unlike those of Explosions in the Sky, as well as changeups and variations telling a musical narrative reminiscent of Tortoise's *TNT*.

Fronted by guitarist Rabideau, The Cancer Conspiracy's core trio is joined on the disc by Caropan's Zack Martin and Ken Johnston as well as engineering guru Matt Sqaus. The band layers sonic upon sonic, weaving an intricacy that knits diverse influences together into an album that could easily be a post prog masterpiece. Now they even have me saying "post prog."

The Cancer Conspiracy are certainly post something. Maybe post-everything. They represent a growing minority of musicians and music lovers intent on learning from the mistakes of the past and building on its artistic successes. This album, presented as a singular, cohesive concept, is easy to talk about but difficult to dissect.

Ω might not be for everyone. Taking on "post" anything denotes that the musician abandons many of music's more accessible elements — just try bobbing your head at a Tears Am show. But maybe some things are meant to be appreciated for artistic value alone. Or maybe that's just a pretentious way of saying, "This is good, but I can't figure out why the fuck I like it."

JOSH WALEMAN

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Almost Music

Nickel Creek's Chris Thile punches his own ticket

BY DAN BOLLES

Chris Thile is no stranger to genre-mangling. The virtuosic mandolin prodigy's Grammy-winning trio Nickel Creek drew acclaim from fans of traditional bluegrass as well as those with a taste for pop confection and saccharine balladry. Though the group disbanded in 2007, Thile remains dedicated to exploring compositional boundaries with his new super-quintet, Punch Brothers, whose members are among the finest young acoustic musicians on the planet.

Composed by Thile, the group's debut record *Punch* is rooted in rigid compositional structure not unlike that of a classical piece, but also relies on the improvisational strengths of its musicians. *Seven Days* recently spoke with Thile and Punch Brothers guitarist Chris Eldridge in advance of their upcoming performance at Higher Ground.

SEVEN DAYS: *Punch Brothers.* That's a Mark Twain reference, no?
CHRIS THILE: It's from a short story that Mark Twain wrote called "Punch, Brothers, Punch!" The story revolves around a little poem that Mark encounters on a train car and it's meant to remind train conductors which tickets they're supposed to give to which passengers. "Punch, brothers. Punch with care. Punch in the presence of the passenjare." And so forth. The poem gets stuck in Twain's head and kind of takes over his whole life. So finally, the way he rids himself of it is to pass it on to someone else, whose life it then takes over.

So for me, we'd like to be just as sticky. And two, Twain describes the little poem as being "almost music." We kind of feel a kinship with that description, in that we're not really "anything," and we always get a little nervous if someone calls us a bluegrass band, because we feel like bluegrass fans are gonna come and hate it. We also can't really call it a classical ensemble, because then you'll have someone show up expecting a Mozart quintet and, obviously, be sorely disappointed. So we feel maybe we are "almost music" and that's our game.

SD: With that in mind, do you fear your new direction might alienate Nickel Creek fans?
CT: We really like what we do, so we're not really concerned about losing people who don't. We don't want to have to convince anyone. We feel like there are people out there who are going to enjoy this. And it may not be all the same people who've enjoyed what we've done in the past. We might have to go out and find some new people. But we certainly don't want to bully people into liking this. It's different from Nickel Creek. But it's different from a lot of things. There's someone out there for everyone and we'll find our people. And they'll find us.

SD: And how did you find each other?
CHRIS ELDRIDGE: The acoustic music scene we all come from is really small. After a while you kind of get to know everyone else. It's a small community. So the band sort of formed through these mutual relationships. We're all guys around the same age and are on the same wavelength musically and as far as what our aspirations were.

CT: I started having this vision of this piece and what kind of thing it would be, which really sort of limited the options. I mean, there's only a certain kind of guy who could be in the band, especially if you wanted it to be a group of peers, age-wise.

We came together to make a record, not to start a band. But I think we realized after that first day of rehearsal, maybe separately, "Holy shit. I wanna do this." And then we started doing it.

SD: So relinquishing control of the composition had to do with the supporting cast?
CT: I'd grown up with two serious loves as far as composition methods are concerned. That is, like, the stuff of Bela Fleck, his *Drive* record and his *Tales From the Acoustic Planet* record, where the main parts of the composition method are selecting which musicians are going to be on the record. And then you write a piece that's almost entirely open to interpretation by the musicians. Maybe there's a melody and a set of chord changes. And after that you get together with guys and the piece takes shape. So there's that method of composing, which I love and which is about as vibrant and living a piece of music as there can be.

With classical composers, the person the piece is going to be for typically doesn't have much to do with the notes that are there, and doesn't really have any say in the notes they play. You have this depth of knowledge and ability to manipulate musical devices that's unequalled among any kind of music. And it's not like it's a revolutionary idea to try and combine the two methods. But it's the most intriguing method of composition to me. It's something that falls squarely in between the two.

So this piece, large portions of it are composed like a string quartet would be, and there are some portions that would be more like that less formal and, I feel, equally successful method of composition. So you kind of have both. Hopefully you have, you know, "every note in its right place" kind of composition. And then you also have things that are left up to chance at every performance, so it's going to be different in Burlington than it was in London. That's really exciting.

Punch Brothers perform at the Higher Ground Ballroom, South Burlington, Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.

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WED 13

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME :: Upon being labeled everything from "Americana fusion" to "progressive rock-grass," Boston-based quartet **Oneside** did a sage favor to confused music critics the world over by dubbing themselves "Rock With a Banjo." Thanks, guys. Simplistic as it seems, the descriptor is as accurate as any. The band's twang-inflected indie rock bears a resemblance to alt-country stalwarts such as Old 97's and Uncle Tupelo as well as alt-rock heavyweights such as R.E.M. The group's wide appeal has led to performances across the country, including South By Southwest and the Austin City Limits Music Festival. Wednesday, February 13, the group brings the rock — and, presumably, a banjo — to Montpelier's Langdon Street Café.

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ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTY WITH DJ TOXIC (hip-hop, top 40, house, reggae), Tabu Café & Nightclub, 5 p.m. - 4 a.m. NC. 18+

LIVE MUSIC, Kozy Horse Saloon, 9 p.m. NC.

STUCK IN A DREAM? (rock), Rusty Nail, 8 p.m. $10.

JEFF PITCHELL (rock), The Matterhorn, 9 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH JOHN WILSON & DANCER DAVE, Piecasso, 8:30 p.m. NC.

DREAMMOSAIC (funk), The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

CAL STANTON (blues), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

SUN.10

burlington area

OLD TIME SESSIONS, Radio Bean, from 1 p.m. NC. **HOT JAZZ SESSIONS,** 5 p.m. NC. **REMINGTON** (rock), 7 p.m. NC. **WOLF @ TUBA** (eclectic), 9 p.m. NC.

IRISH SESSION, Ri Ra Irish Pub, 5 p.m. NC.

SUGAR HIGH WITH TRICKY PAT & ELLIOTT (open turntables), Red Square, 10 p.m. NC.

HYT (hip-hop), 1/2 Lounge, 8 p.m. NC.

MI YARD REGGAE NIGHT WITH DJS BIG DOG & DEMUS, Nectar's, 10 p.m. NC.

U18 DANCE PARTY WITH DJ DEPH (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 8 p.m. $8. 13-17.

BOOGIE WONDERLAND FAMILY DANCE PARTY, Higher Ground Ballroom, 3 p.m. $5/12. AA.

GREGORY DOUGLASS, MEEKA FAHLEY (pop, singer-songwriters), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7:30 p.m. $11/13. 18+

TICK TICK PRESENTS: AMERICAN HORNETS (latin), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. $5.

PINE STREET JAZZ BRUNCH SUNDAY INSTRUMENTAL NIGHT, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 8 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE WITH PETE, Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.

BALANCE DJ @ KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

central

IRISH SESSIONS, Langdon St. Café, 2 p.m. Donations.

BLUE FOX (blues), Main Street Bar & Grill, 7 p.m. NC.

northern

SECOND SUNDAY GOSPEL JAM WITH TERRY DIERS, Bee's Knees, 11 a.m. NC, followed by **BRIAN DOLANT** (singer-songwriter), 7:30 p.m. NC.

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burlington area

OPEN MIKE, Radio Bean, 8 p.m. NC.

POETRY JAM, Parima Acoustic Lounge, 9:30 p.m. NC.

RED HOT JUBA (cosmic Americana), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC.

REAL DEAL SESSIONS WITH BRIANEYE (roots, dub), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC.

MOTUNE ORCHESTRA, THE SHIFTA TONES (funk), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+

AARON FLINN (singer-songwriter), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7:30 p.m. NC.

central

OPEN MIKE, Langdon St. Café, 7 p.m. Donations.

TUE 12

burlington area

DEANNA MOORE (singer-songwriter), Radio Bean, 8:30 p.m. NC, followed by **HONKY TONK TUESDAY,** 10 p.m. $3.

PARIMA ISLAND NIGHT WITH DJ SKINNY T (reggae), Parima Main Stage, 8 p.m. NC.

TRES NEUF (French cabaret), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.

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ACOUSTIC TUESDAY, Monkey House, 8 p.m. NC

BLUEGRASS NIGHT WITH MAD MOUNTAIN SCRAMBLERS, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC

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YANKEE CHANK (Zydeco), Good Times Café, 8 p.m. $13

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KARAOKE, Charlie O's, 10 p.m. NC

GAME NIGHT, Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations.

JAY EKIS (solo guitar), Main Street Bar & Grill, 7 p.m. NC

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OPEN MIKE, Olive Ridley's, 9 p.m. NC

KARAOKE, Piecasso, 9 p.m. NC

TWO FER TUESDAY WITH SETH YACOVONE (blues), The Hub Pizzeria & Pub, 7:30 p.m. NC

[illegible] (old-time), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC

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CALEB HAWLEY (singer-songwriter), Radio Bean, 8 p.m.; **ENSEMBLE V** (jazz), 7 p.m. NC; **IRISH SESSIONS,** 9 p.m. NC

DAN SILVERMAN TRIO (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC

DJ CRE8 (hip-hop), Red Square, 8 p.m. NC

DJ A-DOG (hip-hop), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC

LIVE MUSIC, Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC/$5 18+

OPEN MIKE, Manhattan Pizza, 10 p.m. NC AA

SUPERSTAR KARAOKE, Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC

PUNCH BROTHERS (bluegrass, jazz), Higher Ground Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. $15/17 AA

SONGWRITER SERIES WITH CANNON FODDER, MARYSE SMITH, The Monkey House, 9 p.m. NC

CELTIC PARTY CEILI, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC

champlain valley

OPEN BLUEGRASS SESSION, On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC

KARAOKE, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC

central

HONKY TONK HUMP DAY WITH MARK LEGRAND & FRIENDS, Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **[illegible]** (indie), 9 p.m. Donations.

OPEN MIKE, Middle Earth Music Hall, 8 p.m. NC

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OPEN MIKE, Monopole, 9 p.m. NC

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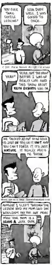
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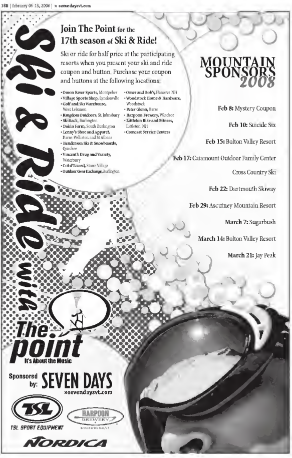

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music

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dance

'SALSALINA PRACTICE: Work on your sensuous nightclub routines at this weekly Latin dance session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, nonmembers 6 p.m., members 7 p.m. $12. Info, 598-1077.

drama

'THE PRICE': Northern Stage offers Arthur Miller's classic drama exploring two brothers' personal baggage. Briggs Opera House, White River Junction, 7:30 p.m. $17-48. Info, 296-7000.

'SPOTLIGHT ON BEN FRANKLIN': Actor and historian John Lamb brings to life the 18th-century American printer, diplomat, inventor and civic leader who experimented with electricity, among other things. Milton Historical Museum, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 893-7387.

film

'BEST OF THE FEST': Nature and extreme sports merge in selections of cliffhanging cinematography from the Banff Mountain Film Festival. Lebanon Opera House, N.H., 7:30 p.m. $18-21. Info, 603-448-0400.

'GONE BABY GONE': Set in working-class Boston, Ben Affleck's directorial debut follows private eyes who unearth police corruption in the course of a missing child investigation. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $4.50. Info, 748-2600.

'NOT FOR SALE': Undergrads and community members collaborate to support children's rights at a bake sale and screening of this documentary about forced child labor and the global slave trade. Room 207, Bentley Hall, Johnson State College, 8 p.m. Donations. Info, 498-4123.

'MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO': In this animated feature by *Spirited Away* director Hayao Miyazaki, two young sisters discover forest spirits near their new home in Japan's countryside. Center for Media & Democracy, CCTV Channel 17 Studios, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 638-3131, ext. 1077.

DARTMOUTH DOUBLE FEATURE: A film two-fer explores class consciousness via the 1985 high-school satire *Class* and the 2007 teen-pregnancy flick *Juno*. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 & 9:30 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

talks

'LIFE & TRAINING OF THE MODERN DRUID': Green Mountain geomancer Ivan McBeth offers a PowerPoint presentation about contemporary methods of creating sacred space. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, www.ivanmcbeth.com or 505-8011.

ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM: Representatives from a Tanzanian project to save parentless kids explain the importance of HIV/AIDS education. McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, www.ilulaorphanprogram.org or 654-2766.

HORTICULTURE TALK: Orchid enthusiast Shelley Brydn explains the effect of water pH on the health of delicate flowering plants. Gardener's Supply Company, 128 Intervale Road, Burlington, 6:30-8 p.m. Free; bring a water sample for testing. Info, 660-3508.

'BOOK CLUBS, TUPPERWARE & OPRAH': UVM English lecturer Sarah Turner considers whether reading groups are girly. Ilsley Public Library, Middlebury, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 388-4095.

'FORWARD FROM HERE': Local author Reeve Lindbergh offers her thoughts on tackling middle age and other unexpected adventures. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 748-8291.

'WHY JUNG?': Analyst and author Dr. Polly Young-Eisendrath explores the staying power of Carl Jung's approach to psychology. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

'THE CULTURE OF FOOD IN RURAL CHINA': Middlebury prof Ellen Oxfeld serves samples of the social importance of food in the Chinese countryside, based on her own recent fieldwork. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

'THE IRISH IN VERMONT': Historian Dan Feeney examines immigrants' impact on the Green Mountain State. Wake Robin Retirement Community, Shelburne, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 264-5107.

'THE BUTT STOPS HERE': Dr. Leena Ahluwalia offers options for smoking cessation and explains the progression of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

'WORK & ART' SERIES: Lawyer and teacher Sandy Baird discusses the differences between slavery, serfdom, paid labor and freedom. Community Room, Burlington College, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 862-9616.

GLOBAL WARMING TEACH-IN: Energy-related talks, community discussions, raffles and film screenings pinpoint specific solutions to climate change as part of the countrywide "Focus the Nation" event. Green Mountain Coffee Roasters' Demeritt Place Offices, Waterbury, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 882-2123.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: Watch critters do dinner with help from the animal-care staff at ECHO, Burlington, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 & 3 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Readings of family faves provide morning fun for toddlers at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: Children gather for games, songs and stories at the Westford Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5638.

HINESBURG PLAYGROUP: Youngsters let loose in a fun, friendly, toy-filled atmosphere. Hinesburg Town Hall, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 453-3038.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: Little ones ages 2 and under get hooked on books at the Waterbury Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

'MOVING & GROOVING': Two- to 5-year-olds boogie down to rock 'n' roll and world beat music. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

PETER THE MUSIC MAN: Educator Peter Alsen lets kids ages 3 to 8 try out various instruments and offers a fun intro to music theory. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 12:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

CHESS CLUB: King defenders ages 8 to 18 practice castling and various opening gambits. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 3:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-1207.

STORYWALK: Parents and kids visit 32 downtown shop windows to read sequential, laminated pages from Ian Falconer's pig-centric picture book *Olivia Saves the Circus*. Montpelier, pages remain visible as long as shop windows are lighted. Free. Info, 223-9604.

PRESCHOOL DISCOVERY PROGRAM: Mammal watchers ages 3 to 5 learn what creatures do in winter. North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, 10 a.m. $10. Info, 229-6206.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: The 60-plus set benefits from aerobics and strength training. Senior Community Center, The Pines, South Burlington, 1:30 p.m. $3. Info, 658-7477.

WINTER WALKING: Seniors stretch their legs under cover at a former munitions depot slated to become a community center. Gosse Court Armory, Burlington, 8:30-10 a.m. Free. Info, 863-3082.

SKI WAX CLINIC: Dave Boehmer of Onion River Sports offers basic to advanced techniques for racers participating in the upcoming Maple Onion 10K Freestyle. Onion River Sports, Montpelier, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 229-9409.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: Activists stand together in opposition to the U.S. occupation of Iraq. Top of Church Street, Burlington, 5-5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-2345.

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CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: Fans of cocoa-covered confectionery see how it's made at Laughing Moon Chocolates, Stowe, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 253-9591.

ESL GROUPS: Non-native speakers learn English at the South Burlington Community Library, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080. Also at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7-8 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

CHESS GROUP: Beginning and intermediate-level players cut corners to put each other's kings in check. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

NOONTIME KNITTERS: Crafty types pause for patterns and midday stitches. Waterbury Public Library, noon - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

KNITTING POSSE: Needle-wielding crafters convene over good yarns. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

BURNHAM KNITTERS: Yarn unfurls into purls at a chat-and-craft session. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

KNITTING INTRO: Pick up some scarf-making tips in a hands-on how-to covering casting on, the garter stitch and binding off. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $20 plus materials. Registration and info, www.thebobbin.com or 999-6202.

VETERANS JOB NETWORKING: Ex-soldiers nab labor market tips, training info and employment leads. VFW Post, Essex Junction, 9:30-11 a.m., & American Legion Post, St. Albans, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 652-0339.

BINGO: A winning card could net cash at the Heineberg Community & Senior Center, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. $1. Info, 863-3982.

CHARITY BINGO: Players seek matches on numbered cards, then say the word. [illegible] Bingo Hall, Colchester, 7 p.m. $10 to $12 cards. Info, 864-1518.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: In 45-minute info sessions, neighborhood helpers hear about a program that coordinates friendly home visits and assistance for aging persons. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Chace Mill, Burlington, 2-3 p.m. Free. Info, www.cvaa.org or 865-0360.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: Hablo español? Brown baggers eat lunch and devour new vocab. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, noon - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

'LUNCH & LEARN' SERIES: Pot lovers turn over a new leaf at a workshop on winter houseplant care. Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, noon - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

PERMACULTURE WORKSHOP: People interested in the ethics and principles of sustainable gardening and neighborhood design get an intro at the Greenhouse Student Living Center, University Heights, UVM, Burlington, 4-6:30 p.m. $20. Info, http://learningpermaculture.googlepages.com or 998-2768.

INTRO TO TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION: Peace seekers learn a simple technique to boost creativity and dissolve stress. Maharishi Invincibility Center, 19 Church Street, Suite 1, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 318-4118.

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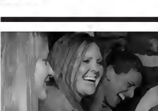

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UNWINDERS BAR, COLCHESTER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 6 P.M.

Colchester's new Unwinders Bar, perched right on the edge of St. Michael's College campus, is the perfect cocktail of bar clichés, fusing a "hole-in-the-wall" atmosphere with 1970s-style furnishings. This former American Legion joint features a popular Big Buck Hunter Pro arcade machine, Formica-lined tables and two beers on tap — one for the less discerning (Bud Light) and one for the more discriminating palate (Switchback). Unwinders' Super Bowl Party was a hoot, with its cross-section of two worlds: the local "been there, done that" crowd and the hard-partying St. Mike's bunch.

As the night began, the front section of the bar was packed with SMCers grasping $2.00 buys of Pabst Blue Ribbon and clear plastic cups of dollar drafts, loudly disrupting any interest in pre-game coverage. Still, the wall-to-wall crowd seemed to be enjoying the scene, festooned in all kinds of New England Patriots gear. Whenever quarterback Tom Brady was present onscreen, inexplicable "woos" and cheers of "Yeah, Tommy B!" erupted around throughout the room — a reminder that the game was fast approaching.

More random were the strange moments when twentysomethings broke into uncoordinated grind sessions and sing-alongs to The Isley Brothers' "Shout" and a techno version of Rod Stewart's "Do you think I'm Sexy?" The latter song choice was particularly unfortunate, dispelling any semblance of good taste that may have been lingering in the room.

As the festivities progressed, the younger attendees became less enthused about Unwinders, even with its delicious hot wings and cold ale. As the clock inched towards kickoff, dozens of students began to leave, most likely for the "free" beer left in fridges from Friday and Saturday on campus. A few locals stayed for the broadcast, no doubt reveling in the sudden quiet.

In the end, the game went on without a hitch, excluding the fourth-quarter upset of the almost-undefeated Patriots, which drew screams of protest across St. Michael's campus, damning Eli Manning and his New York Giants with all manner of epithets.

SUE TAYLOR

WINTER BIRD FEEDING: Watchers of winged visitors learn tips and techniques for attracting feathered friends to a nationwide "backyard bird count." Richmond Free Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Donations. Info, www.vt.audubon.org or 434-3068.

EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP WORKSHOP: Entrepreneurial members of Vermont's construction industry gather info about forming worker-owned companies. Northeast Regional Safety Academy, 5 Graves Street, Montpelier, 2-5 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 861-6611.

VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY: People interested in having more fun with less stuff join a conversation series hosted by the Vermont Earth Institute. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 540-0164.

INFO SESSION: Prospective students and their families consider an alternative middle-through-secondary school. The Gailer School, Middlebury, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 385-3007.

BUSINESS MEETING: People with an interest in the Heineberg Senior Center hear an annual financial update. Heineberg Senior Center, Burlington, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 863-3982.

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT: Adults go through the motions at a spatial dynamics workshop based on the principles of "eurythmy." Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, 7-8 p.m. Free. Reservations and info, 985-2827, ext. 12.

BURLINGTON SCHOOL FACILITY TOURS: Queen City residents become familiar with building deficiencies that require city funds to fix. Edmunds Elementary & Middle Schools, Burlington, 4 p.m.; Champlain Elementary School, Burlington, 6:45 p.m. Free. Info, www.bsdvt.org or 865-5332.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

PETE SUTHERLAND: The local acoustic songwriting superstar stages original and traditional Vermont history ballads on banjo, guitar and fiddle. North End Studio, 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $10. Info, 863-6713.

THE METER MAIDS: Four female singers keep time at an a cappella concert of barbershop-style harmonies. Pendragon Theatre, Saranac Lake, N.Y., 7:30 p.m. $8-12. Info, 518-891-1854.

dance

'SCRATCH AND BURN': Edgy theatrics blend ancient Zulu and Moon rituals with breakdance and Brazilian capoeira in an exposé of war and conflict. See calendar spotlight. FlynnSpace, Burlington, 8 p.m. $20-24. Info, 863-5966.

YU WEI CHINESE CLASSICAL DANCE: Music, movement and film combine in a two solo performance of centuries-old steps. Town Hall Theatre, Woodstock, 7:30 p.m. $10-18. Info, 457-3981.

drama

'THE PRICE': See February 6, 2 & 7:30 p.m.

JANICE PERRY: The solo performance artist and figure, also known as "GAL," mixes music with social satire and physical comedy in excerpts from her show *Holy Sh t/Stories from Heaven and Hell*. Montpelier City Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. $15-20. Info, www.janiceperry.com or 229-0492.

film

'GONE BABY GONE': See February 6.

'THE KING OF KONG': In this documentary subtitled *A Fistful of Quarters*, two video game champs engage in a cross-country duel to reach record scores on "Donkey Kong." Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

art

Also, see art listings in Section A.

ESSEX ART LEAGUE: Local artist Kathy Clarke Welts demonstrates her work with flowers at an open meeting for area creators. Congregational Church, Essex Junction, 9 a.m. Free. Info, www.essexartleague.com or 899-6757.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: Shutterbugs develop film and print pictures at the Center for Photographic Studies, Barre, 6-8 p.m. $8 per hour. Reservations and info, 479-4127.

'ART FROM THE HEART': Pediatrician Dr. Lewis First addresses valentine creators at a champagne-and-hors d'oeuvres-enhanced fundraiser supporting art programs at the Vermont Children's Hospital. Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, Burlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. $25. Info, 865-7166.

words

CASTLE FREEMAN: The Newfane-based novelist reads from *Go With Me*, his backwoods story about a young woman victimized by a town bully. See book review this issue. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

COMPREHENDING TODAY'S MIDDLE EAST: Readers of Sahar Khalifeh's *Wild Thorns* ponder whether good fences make good neighbors. Centennial Library, Morrisville, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 888-5851.

SARAH STEWART TAYLOR: The author of the Sweeney St. George mystery series expounds on the character of her protagonist — an art historian specializing in funerary motifs. Tunbridge Public Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 889-9404.

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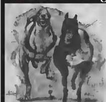

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talks

'WAYS OF LEARNING': Vermont shipwright Douglas Brooks sums up his five apprenticeships in Japan with makers of traditional wooden vessels. Fleming Museum Auditorium, UVM, Burlington, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 656-7395.

PRE-PERFORMANCE LECTURE: Miami-based actor, writer and director Teo Castellanos probes the polemics of his dance-theater work *Scratch and Burn*. See calendar spotlight. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 6:50 p.m. Free. Info, 865-5844.

'SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE' SERIES: Entrepreneur and attorney Hermann Lienhardt, owner of Snow Farm Vineyard in South Hero, recounts his career path into potable advice. Room 112, Center for Global Business and Technology, Champlain College, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 860-2700.

SAILING & SKIING ICELAND: Moretown-based adventure photographers Brian Mohr and Emily Johnson share artwork from their summer backcountry trip to the west coast of Europe's geothermic island. Campus Center Theater, Billings Hall, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. $5-5, includes a raffle ticket. Info, 496-5434.

PAKISTANI POLITICS: UVM environmental studies prof Saleem Ali, a correspondent for Pakistan's *Daily Times*, describes how Benazir Bhutto's assassination affected the outlook for Islamic democracy there. Chase Ballroom, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 4-6 p.m. Free. Info, www.vvca.org or 654-2727.

'TOUGH GUISE': Communications professor Sut Jhally of UMass Amherst considers how exposure to violence in video games, films and TV programs affects masculinity. McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2536.

SOCIAL DYNAMICS: Stephen Wendel of the Lake Champlain Waldorf School explains his institution's approach to social issues. Orchard Valley Waldorf School, East Montpelier, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 456-7400.

DOWSING INTRO: Master dowser Ray Machell of Barre offers a basic overview of the practice's tools, techniques and metaphysical potential. Pine Street Studios, 550 Pine Street, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. $20. Info, http://burlingtonpermaculture.googlepages.com or 933-2768.

TALKING TOMATOES: Gardener Linda Irish offers info on heirloom and hybrid "love apple" varieties to promote an ongoing seedling sale fundraiser. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho, 6:50 p.m. Free. Info, 899-4962.

kids

ANIMAL BEDTIME: See February 6.

STORYWALK: See February 6.

RICHMOND PLAYGROUP: Parents meet the neighbors while their kids enjoy structured fun and snacks. Commons by Karen, Richmond Free Library, 9:30-11 a.m. Free. Info, 434-7775.

WESTFORD STORYTIME: Kids peruse picture books and create crafts at the Westford Library, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

KIDS' GARDEN TOUR: Young ones explore the world of plants on a walk around the Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

'LITTLE ROOTS' STORYTIME: Kids gather to hear tales about plants, flowers and bugs. Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tots aged 3 to 5 enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and crafts at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

PRESCHOOL STORIES: Future readers aged 2 to 5 take in tales at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

MUSIC TIME: Growing listeners under age 5 contemplate chords and bounce to rhythms. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP: Babies up to age 2 socialize with each other and their caregivers at a session offering music, books and toys. Winooski Memorial Library, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Info, 655-6424.

BILINGUAL PLAYGROUP: Hola, baby! A native Spanish-speaking mama leads gentle play and circle time at the Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 10:30-11:30 a.m. $5. Info, 316-3068.

MORNING STORIES: Local tale tellers engage kids of all ages with a mix of nursery rhymes, fairytales, songs and games. Pierson Library, Shelburne, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 985-5124.

'ITTY BITTY SKATING': Pint-sized skaters take to the ice at Leddy Park Arena, Burlington, 10-11 a.m. $4. Info, 865-7558.

OPEN MIKE NIGHT: Young people ages 15 to 19 showcase their musical and poetic talents in an informal environment. Basement Teen Center, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 229-9151.

KINDERMUSIC: Nascent noise makers aged 18 months to 5 years sing, dance and bounce to rhythms. Hayes Room, Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 11:15 a.m. Free. Info, 223-5558.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Readers meet with the youth librarian to plan future activities for their peers. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 5 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6956.

sport

WINTER WALKING: See February 6.

ZUMBA FITNESS: Step-by-steppers try out Latin-dance-inspired exercises mixed with high-energy international rhythms. Fitness Options, South Burlington, 6:30 p.m. $10, first time free. Info, 734-3475. Olympiad Health & Racquet Club, South Burlington, 7 p.m. $10, first time free. Info, 518-8498.

VERMONT FROST HEAVES: The Green Mountain State's professional team hosts the Halifax Rainmen of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Municipal Auditorium, Barre, 7:05 p.m. $5-13. Info, 863-5956.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 6.

DRINKING LIBERALLY: Bottoms-up democracy fuels discussion at a meeting of political progressives. American Flatbread, Burlington, 8-10 p.m. Free. Info, 267-237-7488.

HUNGER AWARENESS DAY: Representatives from the Vermont Foodbank and the Vermont School Nutrition Association remind legislators that finding adequate food remains difficult for many kids and families statewide. Statehouse, Montpelier, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Info, 865-0255.

RALLY FOR HOSPITAL COVERAGE: Citizens meet with lawmakers to advocate for a bill to provide universal hospital care for Vermonters. Gather at the Pavilion Building Auditorium, 109 State Street, Montpelier, 10:50 a.m. Free. Info, www.takebackvermonthealthcare.org or 714-8011.

MONDAY 11

THE WHOLE PICTURE

Public discussions of disability tend to focus on accommodating physical needs with wheelchair ramps or accessible bathrooms. But how do schools and families make disabled kids feel like part of the team? Dan Habib, a New Hampshire-based photojournalist with *The Concord Monitor*, offers an insider's perspective in *Including Samuel*. The documentary chronicles Habib's family's response to his younger son's cerebral palsy. We see the filmmaker, his wife and his older son work to make Samuel, now seven, feel truly at home both at home and at school, although he can't walk and has difficulty speaking. Habib, who shot, directed and produced the educational film himself, takes questions in person after Monday's screening.

'INCLUDING SAMUEL'

Monday, February 11. Mann Hall Auditorium, Trinity Campus, UVM, Burlington. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-4031. www.includingsamuel.com, www.uvm.edu/~cdci

CHILDREN'S GARDEN COMMUNITY FORUM: Area residents offer their two cents about how a planned play-and-learn garden can best serve kids and educators. National Gardening Association Office, 1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-5251, ext. 105.

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CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See February 6.

CHARITY BINGO: See February 6.

WINTER BIRD FEEDING: See February 6. Thatcher Brook Primary School, Waterbury.

VERMONT CHESS CLUB: Pawn pushers strategize to better their games. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-0168.

BRIDGE CLUB: Partners shuffle cards and chat at the Godnick Senior Center, Rutland, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 297-5756.

QUEEN CITY BNI: Local members of Business Network International schmooze at a weekly breakfast meeting to help promote one another's companies. Room 202, Vermont Tech, Blair Industrial Park, Williston, 8 a.m. First visit is free. Info, 865-9345.

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP: Would-be Francophones exchange info during *déjeuner*. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, noon - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

SENIOR BREAKFAST: Area elders enjoy eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, homefries, juice and bottomless cups of coffee at the Heineberg Senior Center, Burlington, 8-10 a.m. $3. Info, 863-3982.

CURRICULUM OBSERVATION: Parents get a peek at Waldorf education in action, at sixth grade school and preschool classes. Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Reservations and info, 985-2827, ext. 12.

'GIFTED KIDS' DISCUSSION: Parents and educators of above-average learners cover topics from school advocacy to social and emotional development. Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education, 73 Prim Road, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, [illegible]@yahoo.com or 658-3341.

'PROJECT WET' TRAINING: Area educators get the lowdown on watershed-related activities and info for use in the classroom. ECHO, Burlington, 4-7 p.m. $25. Reservations and info, 864-1848.

STITCH 'N' BITCH: Yarn handlers dish it out while fingers fly, and "Dr. Knit" provides optional problem solving for snarled projects. The Nehila Sew Bar & Kraft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. Donations. Info, www.[illegible].com or 999-6202.

INDOOR GARDENING WORKSHOP: Cultivate cool fresh winter veggies, learn how to grow fresh micro greens — and add them to miso soup. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6-7 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 223-8774, ext. 202.

CLOTH DIAPERING 101: Moms and dads get down and dirty with the finer points of posterior fashion and ecology. Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 6-7 p.m. $10. Reservations and info, 288-1732.

'HEALING LEAVES' WORKSHOP: Fans of herbal medicine familiarize themselves with plants that ease the physical side effects of stress. Ankmeh Counseling, Suite 101, 6 Essex Way, Essex Junction, 7-8 p.m. $10. Info, 288-1001.

A PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: A parenting coach invites questions from frazzled folks at an evening of conversation and humor. Almost Home Market, Bristol, 7-8:30 p.m. Donations. Info, 343-6471.

'LATE NIGHT SATURDAY': Studio audience members do their part at a double taping of this local variety show. Featured guests include Vermont Flannel owner Mark Baker, etiquette expert Lizzy Post, Montréal pop musician Sevin and Burlington band Ghosts of Pasha. Alumni Auditorium, Champlain College, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free, but tickets are required. Info, 865-6401 or lns@champlain.edu.

BURLINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: Company heads and community members hear about the long-term future of Fletcher Allen Health Care from Dr. Melinda Estes, the hospital's president and CEO. McClure Lobby Conference Room, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, coffee and networking 7:30-8 a.m., program 8-9 a.m. $15 includes breakfast. Reservations and info, 863-1175.

CELEBRITY CHEF NIGHT: Miss Vermont teams up with master chef [illegible] Stevens to present a four-course charity fundraiser. Sheraton Hotel, South Burlington, reception 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. $45. Reservations and info, 865-6666.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

NORDIC VOICES: This Scandinavian six-member choral group sings a cappella polyphonic pieces from medieval Europe. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $20-25. Info, 863-5966.

'HISTORICAL FOLK & FOLKTALES': Maritime music by the band Atlantic Crossing provides an accompaniment for stories from around New England. See calendar spotlight. Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2536.

JAMES HARVEY: The Vermont-based jazz pianist, trombonist and composer plays original tunes on solo piano, plus standards by Duke Ellington, Cole Porter and others. St. Leo's Parish Hall, Waterbury, 7:30 p.m. $5-10. Info, 760-7156.

dance

'SCRATCH AND BURN': See February 7.

BALLROOM DANCE SOCIAL: Singles and couples of all ages learn ballroom, swing and Latin dancing. Jeanne Dize Studio, Williston, 7-10 p.m. $10. Info, 862-2207.

ARGENTINEAN TANGO: Shoulders back, chin up! With or without partners, dancers of all abilities strut to dance-hall riffs in a self-guided practica session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $5. Info, 598-1077.

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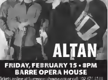

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FOLK DANCING: Learn traditional steps from around the world at a no-partner-necessary lesson. North End Studio, 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 8-10 p.m. $5. Info, 861-4713.

HINESBURG CONTRA DANCE: Strings breeze about to banjo-and-accordion music by Rick Feinstein and friends, and caller Erin O'Connell sets movement patterns. Hinesburg Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. $7. Info, 115-6918.

QUEEN CITY CONTRA DANCE: Caller Adina Lay broadcasts dance directions to folk medleys by Brendan Taaffe, Pete Sutherland and Will Patton. St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Burlington, 8 p.m. $8. Info, 434-2444.

drama

'THE PRICE': See February 6.

JANICE PERRY: See February 7.

'WHITE LIARS / BLACK COMEDY': Vermont Actors' Repertory Theatre stages a pair of one-acts by British playwright Peter Shaffer — one about a disillusioned fortune-teller, the other about a party of people experiencing a power outage. Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 8 p.m. $14. Info, 775-0903.

film

'CONTROL': This 2007 black-and-white biopic follows the short life of Ian Curtis, lead singer of the Manchester, England, post-punk band Joy Division. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600.

TEEN MOVIE: High school students watch the Japanese animation *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind*, about a pacifist warrior princess struggling to save a dying planet. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6956.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

talks

TABLE TALK: Robin McDermott, co-founder and director of the Mad River Valley Localvores, discusses the challenges and rewards of eating locally in the dead of winter. Mary's at the Inn at Baldwin Creek, Bristol, dinner 6 p.m. $11. Dessert 7:15 p.m. $10. Talk 7:30 p.m. Free. Reservations and info, 453-2432.

FOOD SERIES: Culinary anthropologist Amy Trubek, a professor of nutrition and food sciences at UVM, describes how to sample and develop a "taste of place." Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, www.ruralvermont.org or 862-2531.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 6.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See February 6, 10 a.m. for children ages 3-5.

STORYWALK: See February 6.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: Youngsters ages 3 and older gather for story listening at the South Burlington Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

LINCOLN LIBRARY STORYTIME: Youngsters up to age 5 form good reading habits in a tale-centered song-and-craft session. Lincoln Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 453-2665.

'PINT SIZED SCIENCE': Laboratory learners aged 2 to 7 experiment with stories and hands-on activities. ECHO, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

'MUSIC WITH ROBERT AND GIGI': Kids sing along with Robert Resnik and his fiddle-playing friend Gigi Weisman. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 865-7216.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See February 6, 10 a.m.

WINTER WALKING: See February 6.

'THE ULTIMATE X-C WINTER CHALLENGE': Hard-core mountain bikers ride wheels over Lake Memphremagog in an ice criterium of one half mile loop repeated 20 times. Call for Newport-area meeting location and times. $21. Info, www.ridethenek.com/the-winter-challenge.html or 334-887-7111.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 6.

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CHOCOLATE DIPPING BINGO: See February 6.

CHARITY BINGO: See February 6.

SENIOR BREAKFAST: See February 7.

TERTULIA LATINA: Latinoamericanos and other fluent Spanish speakers converse en español at Radio Bean, Burlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 861-1440.

COMMUNITY DINNER: Local ingredients form the basis of a hearty winter meal at LACE, Barre, 5:30 p.m. $8-12.50. Info, www.lacevt.org or 476-4276.

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP: *Sprechen Sie Deutsch?* Language learners brush up their vocab through casual chatting. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, noon - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

IMMUNE SYSTEM HEALTH: Workshop participants learn how to stay chipper during cold season with botanical remedies and medicinal foods. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 5:30-7 p.m. $7. Registration and info, 223-8004, ext. 202.

FROSTY FIESTA: Silent auction bids benefit the Quarry Hill School at this quick-stepping hoedown with Latin-rock music by the Doughboys. American Legion, Middlebury, 7 p.m. $10. Info, www.doughboysvt.com or 545-2144.

'HEART OF THE COMMUNITY' DINNER DANCE: New Orleans-style grub and music by the zydeco band Mango Jam rejuvenate revelers at a community-center benefit. Folsom School, South Hero, 6 p.m. $45. Info, 372-5616.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT: Poker faces win prizes at this charity benefit. Knights of Columbus Hall, St. Albans, 6:30 p.m. $50 buy-in. Reservations and info, 309-4345.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

BEAUSOLEIL & THE SUBDUDES: Cajun music icon Michael Doucet leads one of the country's top zydeco bands in a joint concert with New Orleans-based blues-rockers The Subdudes. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 8 p.m. $27-44. Info, 863-5966.

FRAGILE ZOO: Flutist Patricia Julien joins a quartet of Burlington-area musicians on keyboards, guitar, bass and drums for groove-oriented instrumental funk. FlynnSpace, Burlington, 8 p.m. $14-18. Info, 863-5966.

NORTHSTAR: Rick Ceballos, Matthew Witten and Lausanne Allen present traditional Irish, French and English tunes on banjo, concertina and button accordion. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

OPERA CHORUS AUDITIONS: Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses of all ages pitch their pipes for backup parts in the Green Mountain Opera Festival's summer production of *La Traviata*. Call for Montpelier-area location and time. Free. Info, [illegible]@hotmail.com or 223-1274.

BREAD & BONES: Local musicians Richard Ruane, Mitch Barron and Beth Duquette offer original and eclectic folk. The Walkover Listening Room, Bristol, 7:30 p.m. $10. Info, 453-3188.

'CONCERT FOR CLANCY': Area musicians Allison Mann, Colin McCaffrey, Bob Gagnon and others honor the memory and work of Vermont teacher and composer Mitch Clancy. Crossett Brook Middle School, Waterbury, 7:30 p.m. $10. Info, [illegible] or 244-1444.

BARBARY COAST JAZZ ENSEMBLE: Top trombonist-composer Jon Fowle, keyboardist Adam Klipple and drummer Tokim Ralph join the pilots for a punk funk lineup. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $14. Info, 603-646-2422.

THE BULLOCK BROTHERS: Members of this three-generation, family-based gospel group formed in 1950 raise the roof with spirited singing. Alexander Twilight Theatre, Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, 8 p.m. $11-15. Info, 748-2600.

dance

HAWAIIAN NIGHT CONTRA DANCE: Northern Spy turns out tropical tunes for dancers in loud shirts and soft-soled shoes. Tracy Hall, Norwich, 8 p.m. $8. Info, 785-4607.

SWEETHEART DANCE: Couples canoodle between Latin dance lessons and big-band tunes by The Moonlighters. Grange Hall, Hartland, lesson 7 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m. $10. Info, 436-2984.

WESTERN STYLE SQUARE DANCE: Caller Sprague directs do-si-do partners at Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 8:30-10:30 p.m. $12-14. Info, 985-2012.

WINTER FESTIVAL CONTOIS CABARET: Jenni Johnson and the Junketeers and Pale Pilot entertain at a swing-and-jazz dance party to combat cabin fever. Burlington City Hall Auditorium, dance lessons 5 p.m., show 6-9 p.m. $6. Includes professional sign-language interpretation. Info, www.enjoyburlington.com or 864-0123.

drama

'THE PRICE': See February 6.

JANICE PERRY: See February 7.

'WHITE LIARS / BLACK COMEDY': See February 8.

LAMOILLE COUNTY PLAYERS AUDITIONS: Actors try out for nine male and six female roles in Neil Simon's comedy *Jake's Women*. Hyde Park Opera House, 1 p.m. Free. Info, www.lcplayers.com or 888-4507.

film

'CONTROL': See February 8, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

'WRISTCUTTERS: A LOVE STORY': The protagonist of this alternative romantic comedy searches for his ex-girlfriend in a special afterlife for suicides. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 & 9 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS: Using John Kennedy Toole's *A Confederacy of Dunces* as a starting point, would-be critics review what makes a book award-worthy. Varnum Memorial Library, Jeffersonville, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 644-6612.

LEA WOOD: The local poet reads from her new collection *Wind & Water, Fire & Stone*. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

talks

GREEN MOUNTAIN O.W.L.: Members of a local chapter of the Older Women's League host a discussion about Vermont elders' legislative priorities. Central Vermont Medical Center, Fisher Road, Berlin, meeting 10 a.m., talk 11 a.m. Free. Info, 496-3418.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 6.

STORYWALK: See February 6.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP: See February 7, 10-11 a.m.

'SATURDAY STORIES': Librarians read from popular picture books at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

BORDERS STORYTIME: Little bookworms listen to stories at Borders, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-2711.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Kids ages 4 and up settle down for stories at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

'READ TO CLYDE & SARA': Canine-loving kids in grades K-5 gain confidence by reading stories to therapy dogs. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 10-11 a.m. Free. Info, 878-6956.

MAKE VALENTINES: Scissor-savvy crafters ages 3 and up create heart art at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10 a.m. - noon. Free. Info, 865-7216. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338. Pierson Library, Shelburne, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 985-5124.

'READY, SET, GROW': Budding gardeners learn about soil, compost and germination in a seeds-and-soil planting workshop. [illegible] 10 a.m. - noon. Free. Info, 476-4276.

HISTORY DAY: Kids ages 6 to 10 try their hand at slate writing and spelling bees during a recreation of a normal school day, circa 1880. Vermont History Museum, Pavilion Building, Montpelier, 10 a.m. - noon. $1. Info, 828-2180.

FAMILY VALENTINE'S DANCE: Parents and kids share the love and cure cabin fever at an all-ages boogie. Greater Burlington YMCA, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Reservations and info, 862-9622, ext. 145.

CRAFT TIME: Parent-accompanied little people play with textured materials and make stuff from piles of fabric and yarn. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, drop-in hours 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. $1 per child. Info, www.thebobbin.com or 999-6202.

sport

ZUMBA FITNESS: See February 7. Fitness Options location only, 10 & 11 a.m.

VERMONT FROST HEAVES: See February 7, 2:05 p.m. The Heaves get heavy with the Boston Blizzard.

'THE ULTIMATE X-C WINTER CHALLENGE': See February 8; meet at North Country Union High School, Newport, 8 a.m. $10-100. Mountain bikers ride studded wheels over snowmobile trails for a duration of either 10 or 100 miles.

NVAC CHEERLEADING COMPETITION: Ready, go: Pompom-toting teams show spirit in a multi-division contest open to youth, middle school, junior varsity and varsity groups. Essex High School, 9 a.m. $11. Info, 878-4669.

'SHOE TO STOMP OUT BREAST CANCER': Snowshoers race or walk 5 to 10 kilometers in a fundraiser for cancer research, education, treatment and screening. Starts from the Base Lodge, Stratton Mountain Resort, Bondville, registration 8 a.m., race 9 a.m., walk 9:10 a.m. $21. Registration and info, [illegible] or 211-7196.

'GIRLSTORM' SNOWKITING FESTIVAL: Female riders and snowboarders catch air on the ice as part of a two-day learning camp and free-ride session. Sand Bar State Park, Milton, noon to dusk. $210 for camp; Sunday afternoon activities are free. Info, [illegible] or 951-2686.

GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING: Male and female pugilists ages 17 to 34 put up their dukes in the third and final round of a statewide tourney. Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $11-13. Info, 527-2935.

F-F-FROZEN [illegible] REGATTA: Designers of funky, brawn-powered machines race for prizes in homemade ice sleds, skis and stuffed items, among other items. Open to teams and solo sliders of all ages. City Bay, North Hero, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. $25. Registration and info, www.champlainislands.com or 372-8400.

RACE AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING: Snowboarders and skiers barrel downhill to help sponsor climate-change awareness in schools. Spruce Peak, Stowe Mountain Resort, registration 8:30-10 a.m., race 11 a.m. $21 or $50 includes a day ticket. Registration and info, www.theraceagainstglobalwarming.com or 253-7704.

SNOWSHOE TREK: Strap on your feet racquets for a moderate, 4-mile trek to Taylor Lodge. Call for Underhill Center meeting time. Free. Info, [illegible] 1540.

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BINGO: See February 6.

CHARITY BINGO: See February 6.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET: Shoppers seeking locally raised edibles pick up root vegetables, cheeses, pickles and other local provisions at the Old Strand Theater, Rutland, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 287-9111.

FRENCH ROUNDTABLE: Speakers of various skill levels order café during an open practice session. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 9:30 a.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

SLEIGH RIDES: Weather permitting, jingling horses tote visitors over the snow on a wintry tour of Shelburne Farms. Rides depart every half-hour from the Welcome Center, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. $5-8. Info, 985-8442.

WINTER WEEKEND: Visitors experience 19th-century farm chores, horse-drawn sleigh rides, sledding and fireside games. Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. $10. Info, 457-2111.

'SMOOCH YOUR POOCH': Pet owners pick up tips for affection from dogs, cats and hamsters at a Valentine's party featuring a "first kiss" contest. PETCO, 861 Williston Road, South Burlington, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 651-1229.

PENGUIN PLUNGE: Stout-hearted swimmers parade in a costume contest, then dunk themselves in Lake Champlain to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Waterfront Park, Burlington, registration 9 a.m., plunge 11 a.m. $21 registration fee plus $110 pledge minimum. Free to watch. Info, www.vtso.org or 800-639-1603, ext. 105.

TRACKING WORKSHOP: Naturalist [illegible] leads a daytime expedition following the trail of a local carnivore. Shelburne Farms, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. $50. Registration and info, 985-8686, ext. 141.

WAFFLE BREAKFAST: Belgian-style griddle cakes hold luscious toppings at a silent auction meal, and Clifford the Big Red Dog entertains kids of all ages. Hinesburg Community School, 8:30 a.m. $6. Info, 482-6196.

KIDS VT CAMP & SCHOOL FAIR: Forward-thinking parents and kids look into summer activities and year-round educational alternatives. Hilton Hotel, Burlington, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, www.kidsvt.com or 985-5482.

ECO-SEW WORKSHOP: Crafters fabricate super cute stuffed animals from recycled fabrics, yarns and notions. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $11, includes materials. Registration and info, www.thebobbin.com or 999-6202.

CHOCOLATE TASTING: Samplers select eight tidbits from several types of cocoa sweets, then learn how they're made. Montpelier Chocolate Factory, noon - 7 p.m. $1. Info, 229-2057.

GROWERS' MEETING: Sod wielders and garden enthusiasts assemble to hear from crop-care experts. Room 1, Shelburne Town Center, 8:30 a.m. $5. Info, 985-7429.

ROSE RECIPES: Flowery types learn to use organic petals in homemade bath products and desserts. City Market, Burlington, noon - 1 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 863-3659.

THU.07 & FRI.08

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PATTERN LANGUAGE

People all over the world agree that war is a bad idea, but when push comes to shove, they often justify attacking in the name of national or personal defense. Miami-based actor, writer and director Teo Castellanos addresses civilization's repetitive, age-old history of violence in *Scratch and Burn*, his 2005 dance-theater piece targeting man's inhumanity to man. Castellanos collaborates with members of his dissident urban-arts collective D-Projects to drop bombs and beats on racial stereotypes, U.S. imperialism and humanity's primal urge to fight. Choreography by breakdance legend Ricardo "Speedy Legs" Fernandez combines ancient Zulu and Maori rituals, Japanese butoh, Brazilian capoeira and street-combat moves. A soundtrack by hip-hop producer Brimstone 127 accompanies live music by African drummers, and a backdrop of projected text emphasizes the fast and furious message.

'SCRATCH AND BURN'
Thursday and Friday, February 7 & 8, FlynnSpace, Burlington, 8 p.m. $20-24. Info, 863-5966. www.flynncenter.org

PRE-PERFORMANCE LECTURE
Thursday, February 7, Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-5966. www.flynncenter.org

WILDLIFE TRACKING: Taxidermy samples, skulls and other teaching tools help newbies recognize and follow the footsteps of elusive animals. Green Mountain Audubon Center, Huntington, 9-11 a.m. Donations. Info, 434-3068.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE: Gently used tomes go home with new owners. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 878-7578.

WINTER BOTANY: Buds, branches and bark are in the focus of a plant identification field trip through Red Rocks Park. Meet at the park entrance, South Burlington, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 863-5648.

'WINTER WONDERLAND': Storytelling, songs and sledding entertain kids and their parents in a seasonal ode to cold. Clearwood Spiritual Life Center, Rutland, 1-3:30 p.m. Donations. Info, 773-2560.

DAN O'BRIEN ANNIVERSARY TOUR: A psychic medium and intuitive healer receives spiritual messages for audience members and responds to questions during a two-hour show. Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Burlington, 6-8 p.m. $35-40. Info, 863-5944.

BURLINGTON WINTER FESTIVAL: Citizens cavort outdoors in a seasonal celebration of all things chilly. An internationally sanctioned amateur snow-carving competition and professional ice sculptors draw folks to the Church Street Marketplace, Burlington: sculpting in progress 10 a.m.; awards ceremony 1 p.m. Free. Info, www.enjoyburlington.com or 864-0123.

ECHO FAMILY EXPO: Winter-themed activities, crafts and games occupy scientific minds of all ages. ECHO, Burlington, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. $2. Info, www.echovermont.org or 864-1848.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

JAZZ CONCERT: College musicians dig into an American genre with help from the Gravel Jazz Ensemble, the Adonai Drummers and percussionist Jocelyn Price. McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2534.

VERMONT PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Violinist Kirsa Lenz contributes to Haydn's Concerto for Violin and Strings at an ensemble concert that also includes J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*. Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, 3:30 p.m. $5-15. Info, www.vermontphilharmonic.org or 728-9878.

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES: Jenni Johnson and Friends jam on jazz and blues standards at the South Burlington Community Library, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

dance

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING: Step students immerse themselves in lively music and join hands to form circles. Tracy Hall, Norwich, 3-8 p.m. $8. Info, 633-3228.

COMMUNITY DANCE: Movers kick up their heels in contra, square and circle dances directed by caller Mark Sustic. Browns River Middle School, Jericho, 2 p.m. $5. Info, 878-2636.

drama

'THE PRICE': See February 8, 5 p.m.

JANICE PERRY: See February 7, 2 p.m.

'CHICAGO': Two murderesses vie for the attentions of a slick defense attorney in this touring Broadway musical. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 3 & 8 p.m. $45-67. Info, 863-5966.

A KALEIDOSCOPE OF TALENT AUDITIONS: Kids and adults pitch individual and group instrumental, vocal, dance or comedy acts. Spaulding High School Auditorium, Barre, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. $10-15. Info, 223-9532.

IMPROV THEATER WORKSHOP: Vermont Playback Theatre invites new members to take a turn at transforming life stories into on-the-spot community-building. North End Studio, 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 1-4 p.m. $25. Registration and info, vtplayback@hotmail.com or 865-8203.

film

'CONTROL': See February 8, 1:30 & 7 p.m.

'THIS IS ENGLAND': Set in 1983, this film follows a fatherless 12-year-old boy who dives into active mayhem and brotherhood among a gang of local skinheads. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'NINA'S TRAGEDIES': In this Israeli film, a 14-year-old boy reminisces about the 8-month period between the deaths of two family members. Jamati Cafe, 212 Battery Street, Burlington: cafe 6 p.m., film 7 p.m. Donations. Info, 923-3577.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 8.

STORYWALK: See February 6.

sport

'GIRLSTORM' SNOWKITING FESTIVAL: See February 8.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DIVISION FENCING TOURNAMENT: Masked athletes oblige to feint and parry at this foil and épée competition. See calendar spotlight. Sharon Academy, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Free to watch. Info, 785-2150.

MOUNT CLARK: Trail hikers ascend on a demo path, then bushwhack up the north side of the mountain on a moderate, 7-mile outing. Call for meeting location and time. Free. Info, 881-2375.

SUN.10 >> 26B

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MON 11 << 25B

NORDIC SKATING: Ice gliders get an intro to the European outdoor sport that evolved as a means of wintertime transportation. Pity Bay, North Hero, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free, equipment included. Info, www.nordicskater.com or 372-4161.

MAPLE ONION 10K FREESTYLE: Cross-country skiers use skating or classic techniques to tackle the challenging Morse Farm trail system. Morse Farm, Montpelier, registration 8 a.m., race 10 a.m. $5-20, includes a post-race meal. Info, www.ctmrg.com or 229-9409.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DERBY DAMES: Buff babes practice rough roller skating for future matches with other regional roller-derby teams. Call for Burlington-area location. 6 p.m. Free. Info, vt.rockstars@yahoo.com or 862-5671.

activism

TOWN MEETING: U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders attends a public forum for community members to air their concerns. Mt. Mansfield Union High School, Jericho, 10 a.m. Free, includes brunch. Info, 800-339-9834.

etc

CHARITY BINGO: See February 8, 2 & 7 p.m.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT: See February 8. St. John's Club, 8 Central Avenue, Burlington, noon. $100 buy-in. Info, 864-9778.

SLEIGH RIDES: See February 8.

WINTER WEEKEND: See February 8.

COMMUNITY BRUNCH: A live band serenades weekend breakfasters at a spread featuring fluffy pancakes. L.A.C.E., Barre, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. $6-12.50. Info, www.lacevt.org or 476-4276.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION: Forward thinkers hypothesize about human gadgets and discoveries 50 to 100 years in the future and how they'll affect day-to-day life. Call for Burlington-area location. 3:30 p.m. Free. Info, 658-4768.

ANTIQUES MARKET: Treasure-hunters find bargains at the Elks Country Club, Montpelier, preview 7:30 a.m., market 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. $2-5. Info, 603-444-2012.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET: Bargain-hunters lose themselves in the state's largest indoor tag and collectibles sale. Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. $2. Info, 878-5545.

SCRABBLE CLUB: Triple-letter-square seekers wage word wars at the McClure Multigenerational Center, Burlington, 2-6 p.m. Free. Info, 862-5812.

'WICKED FAST HATS': Crocheters hook up with an easy pattern for head coverings. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $15, plus materials. Registration and info, www.thebobbin.com or 881-6202.

MON.11

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

SAMBATUCADA! REHEARSAL: Percussive people pound out carnival rhythms at an open meeting of this Brazilian-style community drumming troupe. New members are welcome at the Switchback Brewery, Burlington, 6 p.m. $5. Info, 343-7107.

dance

SWING DANCING: Put on your saddle shoes and head for an old-fashioned sock hop at The Black Door, Montpelier, 7:30-9 p.m. $5. Info, 223-1608.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE: Lively music inspires adults and kids ages 10 and up to make rural moves at the Richmond Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 988-2378.

film

'CONTROL': See February 8.

'INCLUDING SAMUEL': A Concord, N.H., photojournalist documents his family's ways of supporting a child born with cerebral palsy. See calendar spotlight. Mann Hall Auditorium, Trinity Campus, UVM, Burlington, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-4031.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: See February 7.

words

'THE BIG READ': Members of an all-ages, statewide book group chat about Dashiell Hammett's 1930 mystery *The Maltese Falcon*. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

talks

CATAMOUNT HEALTH CARE: Dayna Smith-Fay of the Vermont Campaign for Health Care Security Education Fund elucidates the state's new program covering the uninsured. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

CHINA PROGRAM: Local students recently traveling in the world's most populous nation via pictures, souvenirs and stories. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6956.

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: Philosophy professor Arthur Kuflik of UVM examines decision-making within the medical profession. North United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, www.osevermont.org or 862-2531.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 6.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See February 6. For children ages 2-5.

STORYWALK: See February 6.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: See February 7.

MUSIC TIME: See February 7.

'ITTY BITTY SKATING': See February 7.

FAMILY SING-ALONG: Parents and kids belt out fun, familiar favorites at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

DADS' GROUP: Fathers and fathers-to-be bring offspring up to age 6 to a playgroup, meal and social hour. Winooski Family Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-1422.

BUBBIES, BABIES & BAGELS: A Jewish-themed playgroup for families of all backgrounds features intergenerational schmoozing and noshing. Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Burlington, 10-11 a.m. Free. Info, 864-0218, ext. 23.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See February 8, 10 a.m.

WINTER WALKING: See February 6.

ZUMBA FITNESS: See February 7. Olympiad location only, 8:15 a.m.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 6.

TOWN COLLEGE FORUM: Area residents, town officials, undergrads and legislators listen to one another at a community breakfast. Base Lodge, Stearns Hall, Johnson State College, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Free. Reservations and info, 635-1248.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See February 6.

STRESS REDUCTION WORKSHOP: Tense, tired folks learn how to notice and take care of situations that leach energy. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-8004, ext. 202.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST: Elected officials and businesspeople mix at a meal devoted to discussion of Vermont's transportation issues. Sheraton Hotel, South Burlington, 7:30 a.m. $16. Reservations and info, 863-3483, ext. 207.

GLOBAL WARMING DISCUSSION: Community members learn about the history, science and politics of the climate crisis and consider personal actions to help curb CO_2 emissions. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

'MAGIC CARPET' LUNCHEON: World travelers present their stories over a repast of treats from distant cultures. Montshire Museum, Norwich, 11 a.m. $15-20. Reservations and info, 603-643-1814.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Mature socialites chow down over a music-enhanced meal featuring baked ham and bean salad. Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne, noon. $4. Reservations and info, 862-7754.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE: Dads and their girls enjoy music, refreshments and a bit of twirling. Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $15-20. Info, 223-5141.

TUE.12

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS: Male music-makers rehearse barbershop singing and quartetting at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-2641.

HIRSCH-PINKAS PIANO DUO: Dartmouth's pianist-in-residence Sally Pinkas performs a Bartok sonata with her partner Evan Hirsch, Boston Symphony Orchestra timpanist Craig McNutt and Rhode Island Philharmonic percussionist Robert Schulz. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $18. Info, 603-646-2422.

dance

ARGENTINEAN TANGO: See February 8. North End Studio, 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, lessons 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. $12. Practice 8:30-9:30 p.m. $5. Info, 862-2833.

SWING DANCING: Open practice makes perfect for intermediate swing dancers of all levels. Champlain Club, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $3. Info, 860-7501.

LINE DANCING: Boot scooters show off fancy footwork at the Harvest Moon Banquet Room, Essex Junction, beginners' lesson 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-8 p.m. $8.50. Info, 434-2881.

drama

'A WOMAN AIN'T I?': Actor Kathryn Woods takes on the persona of the 19th-century abolitionist, women's rights activist and one-time slave Sojourner Truth, and tells her life story. Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 253-8281.

film

'CONTROL': See February 8.

'HACKING DEMOCRACY': In this documentary, investigators show that electronic voting machines can be manipulated. Holley Hall, Bristol, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 453-5664.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

BURLINGTON WRITERS GROUP: Bring pencil, paper and the will to be inspired to the Acoustic Lounge, Parima, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 288-1444.

'THE TIES THAT BIND' SERIES: Readers of John Updike's novel *The Centaur* discuss its modern-day depiction of a superhuman teacher from Greek mythology. Fairfax Community Library, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 849-2420.

talks

'EATING LOCAL': Abbie Nelson of the Northeast Vermont Farming Association explores social and political issues around the consumption of locally grown and raised commodities. Stowe Free Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 253-6145.

'TRUTH & ITS CONSEQUENCES': Art history professor Kirsten Hoving examines 19th-century landscape images to pose questions about photography's function. Room 221, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 443-5007.

LEONARD WEINGLASS: The renowned civil rights attorney who defended the Chicago Eight speaks about his current work with five Cuban political prisoners imprisoned in the U.S. for anti-terrorist activities. See "Local Matters," this issue. Chase Community Center, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, 5 p.m. Free, includes Cuban-style snacks. Info, www.freethefive.org or 229-2354.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 6.

STORYWALK: See February 6.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: See February 8. For walkers up to age 3.

'MUSIC WITH ROBERT AND ROB': See February 6.

ECHO STORYTIME: Young explorers discover the wonders of the natural world through books and imaginative play. ECHO, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

TODDLER STORYTIME: Tykes under age 3 enjoy stories, songs and a snack at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 879-7113.

WINOOSKI STORYTIME: Preschoolers ages 2 and a half to 5 expend energy in finger play and song, then listen to tales. Winooski Memorial Library, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 655-6424.

DARK KNIGHT COMICS CLUB: Pencil-and-pen holders draw on their inner resources to produce graphic narratives. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

'TASTY READS': Primary students share sweet stories with kids in grades K-5 and make chocolate pops and cocoa-covered strawberries. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 878-6956.

KIDS' VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS: Talented youngsters ages 7 to 18 try out for the chance to demo their skills at a mid-season showcase. Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, call for time slot. Free. Info, 728-9878.

sport

WINTER WALKING: See February 6.

ZUMBA FITNESS: See February 7. Fitness Options location, 5:30 p.m. Olympiad location, 7 p.m.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DERBY DAMES: See February 10, 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS: Beginner to intermediate stretchers strike poses for spine alignment. Healing in Common Lobby, Network Chiropractic of Vermont, Shelburne, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 985-8850.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 6.

WILPF MEETING: Activists review world events at a gathering of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 372-6117.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See February 6.

CHARITY BINGO: See February 8.

BURLINGTON SCHOOL FACILITY TOUR: See February 6. Taft School, Burlington, 6 p.m.

SENIOR BREAKFAST: See February 7.

PAUSE CAFE: Novice and fluent French speakers brush up on their linguistics — *en français*. Borders Café, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 655-1346.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP: Midday learners try lunch in a foreign language to sharpen communication skills. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, noon - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

RAW FOOD WORKSHOP: Heart-healthy chefs blend raw nuts, coconut and raw cacao to make a grain-free pie, mint chocolate chip milkshake. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6:30 p.m. $12. Info, 223-8004, ext. 202.

PERSONALITY WORKSHOP: A business trainer explains how to capitalize on different character types at the office and at home. Courtyard by Marriott, Williston, 8 a.m. Free. Info, 800-638-1012.

WED.13

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

ST. ANDREWS PIPES & DRUMS: See February 6.

ZOLOTOI PLYOS: Russian folk music conjures frosty daydreams for audience members. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-5007.

dance

SALSALINA PRACTICE: See February 6.

BELLY DANCES OF KINDNESS: Expect undulating midriffs and a chocolate fountain at this fundraiser for an area farm and education center. St. Johnsbury House, 6:30 p.m. $8. Info, 748-1772.

drama

'THE FRIPS': See February 8.

'THAT'S ABSURD!': Undergrad thespians present classic, contemporary and original stage shorts exploring the ridiculous. Alumni Auditorium, Champlain College, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $10. Info, 860-2700.

film

'CONTROL': See February 8.

'THE LAST LAUGH': German expressionism peaked with this 1924 film about an aging doorman whose happiness crumbles after retirement. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'THE FLOOD OF 1927': A Vermont Public Television documentary about Vermont's greatest natural disaster focuses on personal stories related to the event. Hartford Public Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 222-2436.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE SERIES: Readers of Joy Harjo's *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky* consider poetic rites of passage. South Hero Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 372-6209.

GRETCHEN HOLBROOK GERZINA: The host of National Public Radio's "The Book Show" presents *Mr. and Mrs. Prince*, her detailed history of a pre-Civil War black family. Norwich Bookstore, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 649-1114.

FLYNN & FLETCHER FREE BOOK CLUB: Readers of *The Double Bind*, Vermont author Chris Bohjalian's 2007 novel, prepare to see an upcoming Bill Frisell concert of music exploring similar themes. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

talks

LEONARD WEINGLASS: See February 12. Waterfront Theatre, Burlington, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 862-9616.

FRIDAY 08

WATER WORLDS

You can glimpse Lake Champlain's past in old postcards and paintings — but can you hear it? At a St. Mike's concert, the lake's rich and varied history makes sound waves. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Director Art Cohn relates his discovery of the wrecked canal schooner *Troy*, and band Atlantic Crossing (pictured) follows with member Viveka Fox's song about the same ill-fated vessel. Marty Morrissey of the Highland Weavers sings traditional ballads, and ditties chronicling Revolutionary War-era naval skirmishes give way to tales from the lake's commercial heyday, when its waters transported the third largest volume of timber in the world. According to Atlantic Crossing's Rick Klein, for the next show like this, you may have to wait till 2009. The notes-and-narratives combo hopes to reconvene for the lake's quadricentennial celebrations.

HISTORICAL FOLK & FOLKTALES

Friday, February 8. Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2536.

'WHY I LOVE ___ SLATE': Vermont-based poet and translator Jody Gladding shares her off-the-page passion for a type of metamorphic rock. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

SOCIAL CHANGE: International human rights activist Kathy McNeely describes how global nations gain emphasis on the charge to "love thy neighbor." Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2536.

GHOST BUSTERS: Who you gonna call? Jeffrey Stewart describes the spirited work done by his company, Paranormal Investigators of New England. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

COOKING & TRAVEL: Mark Timms, a new chef at the Vermont National Country Club, describes his time at a U.K. culinary school and a London luxury hotel. South Burlington Community Library, noon. Free. Info, 652-7080.

PICTORIAL PROVERBS: UVM emeritus scholar Wolfgang Mieder entertains with explanations of medieval art and modern cartoons. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

'WINGS OF THE NORTH': Jim Shallow, Audubon Vermont's conservation and policy director, considers the effect of climate change on the state's forest-breeding birds. Catamount Outdoor Family Center, Williston, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-4132.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 6.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: See February 6.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: See February 6.

HINESBURG PLAYGROUP: See February 6.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See February 6.

'MOVING & GROOVING': See February 6.

PETER THE MUSIC MAN: See February 6.

CHESS CLUB: See February 6.

STORYWALK: See February 6.

KIDS' VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS: See February 12.

GO, DIEGO, GO!: Live versions of action adventure characters from a Nick Jr. TV program navigate the "jungle" on an animal rescue mission. Arts meet Dora the Explorer's cousins at Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, 2 & 6 p.m. $31-42. Info, 863-5966.

sport

INDOOR EXERCISE: See February 6.

WINTER WALKING: See February 6.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 6.

SCHOOL FUNDING PANEL: Voters prep for town meeting day at a lively discussion among lawmakers and members of area school boards about Act 82's effect on educational budgets. Speeder and Earl's, 412 Pine Street, Burlington, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, www.cvbev.org or 457-0242.

FUTURES FORUM: Local residents describe how their values and beliefs fit in — or don't — with where Vermont seems to be heading. Green Mountain Tech Center, Hyde Park, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, www.vtrural.org or 223-6091.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See February 6.

BIL GROUPS: See February 6.

CHESS GROUP: See February 6.

NOONTIME KNITTERS: See February 6.

KNITTING POSSE: See February 6.

VETERANS 200 NETWORKING: See February 6.

BINGO: See February 6.

CHARITY BINGO: See February 6.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: See February 6.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: See February 6.

'LUNCH & LEARN' at NRES: See February 6. Bonsai expert Sandy Anderson teaches pot tenders how to trim and train tiny trees.

INTRO TO TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION: See February 6.

BURLINGTON SCHOOL FACILITY TOURS: See February 6. Flynn Elementary School, Burlington, 8 a.m. Hunt Middle School, Burlington, 8:45 a.m.

CURRICULUM OBSERVATION: See February 7. Orchard Valley Waldorf School, East Montpelier, 8:30 a.m. Free. Info, 456-7400.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD: Savvy stitchers learn new needle techniques with colorful thread. The Pines Senior Living Community, South Burlington, 9:30 a.m. Free. Info, 879-0195.

WALDORF OPEN HOUSE: Parents of prospective high school students tour classes with their kids, then meet faculty members. Lake Champlain Waldorf High School, Charlotte, 8-10 a.m. Free. Info, 985-2827, ext. 12.

'GROWING SEXUALLY HEALTHY KIDS': At a workshop with a Planned Parenthood educator, parents pose questions about normal child behavior and consider how to support their offspring's development. Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 288-1102.

GERMAN ENGLISH EXCHANGE: Anglophones practice foreign language conversation with native speakers of Deutsch and vice versa. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 864-7211.

HOME BUYER ORIENTATION: Before shopping, potential house hunters determine whether homeownership fits their needs. Central Vermont Community Land Trust, Barre, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, www.cvclt.org or 476-4493, ext. 211.

BURLINGTON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN: Female managers, execs and entrepreneurs coach up-and-coming careerists at an evening meal. Windjammer Saloon, South Burlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $19 includes dinner. Reservations and info, 899-3934. ⓒ

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For a laid-back girl who is over the college partying phase (but still likes to go out) and is ready for something a little more serious. I own a condo and am looking for a guy who has his shit together. I know how to play hard and work hard. **goodygal**, 24 ☐ #402850

MARVELOUS MULTI-FACETED MOM SEEKS MORE
Energetic, enthusiastic single mom seeks a man who is well-educated. Born to read and play games, and accepts that my son is the biggest part of my life right now. **Wereafgiraffe** 38 ☐ #408314

CONSIDERATE GIRL SEEKS NICE GUY
I've lived in VT all of my life. I am tall. I stay busy with work, friends and family. I'm ready to find a guy who is intelligent, considerate, funny and compassionate — someone who enjoys staying in or going out, trying new things, and having fun. **Princess_vt**, 44 ☐ #408298

SEXY, SMART, YOUNG-LOOKING LAUGHER
Me, cute, caring, honest, open to a-blast with my heart and mind, spontaneous, inquisitive, bold, daring, blunt yet tactful, upbeat, positive, educated, much more. You: 5'10" or taller somewhere between skinny to a long and lean frame, a good friend (i.e. loose-fitting jeans, fitted, untucked button-down, good shoes); open to potential long term relationship, not friends-with-benefits. **whimsi** 44 ☐ #408294

INDIANA TRANSPLANT
We long [illegible] College, new to the state, and love to [illegible] and cook. Love politics, both state and world, and going out to eat, as well as staying in. Born in the Midwest, lived in the Middle East, and ready to explore New England. **phdamerica**, 29 ☐ #109479

LOOKING FOR MY SENSUAL MATCH
I'm easy. Passionate. Concerned about human rights to [illegible] and others. I am around people, injustices, environmental needs. I run. Power Lift. Walk the Connecticut River most every day. Love to follow sports: Red Sox, Celtics, Spurs, Gonzaga, and Vermont. Blind. I value higher education and a college degree. I have my RSN. (They made me make this one.) **daBeRiver** 34 ☐ #408262

OPTIMISTIC, CENTERED, GOOFY
Been in Burlington for a few years now but still looking to meet new people! I would describe myself as a fun loving, motivated, adventurous individual. I am passionate about environmental conservation and love to cross-country ski, hike and camp. I am interested in meeting someone who is passionate about life, loves interesting conversations and has a good sense of humor. **Ravn120** 42, ☐ #408288

WHO STOLE THE COOKIE?
Online dating. Well, that's a first. Ha ha. I am a 49-year-old social worker. I love going on vacation to help others out. I am interested in meeting others with the same interest but not one who I would consider working with. I love my pets. I love to travel, try new things, adventures. I love enjoying life's beauty. **VTRooth** 49 ☐ #408448

OUTGOING, CUTE AND SILLY
I'm easy to be friendly with, outgoing; I am absolutely committed to the people that I care about and I show care in what I do. "The only people you need in your life are the people that need you in theirs." I am a firm believer in karma and reality, you would be, too. **Cookie80** 24 ☐ #408404

NORMAL GIRL SEEKS NORMAL GUY
I am a good hearted person, who has a good job, and a great personality. I love to hike, I try to ski. I fall a lot. I like snowboarding, traveling. I try to eat healthy, I'm not smoker. I'm not a drinker, but the occasional cold [illegible] one of life's best treats. **Arteemis** 41 ☐ #408444

FLATLANDER IN VERMONT
I live in the beautiful, yet isolated Mad River Valley, devoid of many single guys. I am very nice, sweet, honest, smart, enjoy life, music, my dog, the ocean and movies, and if you are interested in just grabbing a bite to eat or catching a cup of coffee, please let me know. **[illegible]**, 44 ☐ #408488

WOMEN seeking WOMEN

COOL CHICA WITH UNBELIEVABLE ASSETS
Alright, I'm chill. I like Bob Dylan, Mindy and to be a dirty hippie that lived in Burlington... now transformed into this smart, dirt hippie with the potential to rock this world. I'm looking for someone that I can connect and laugh with... I'm currently in school but I have time for a special girl... and I really need some instant chemistry, that'll hopefully last a long time. **strangephilosophy43d** 24 #408306

MAKE A GOOD LIFE BETTER
Do you have a fun job and want to share it on the weekends? Are you open to snuggling someone? I am out, outgoing, a Quaker with Buddhist leanings, social activist, retired college teacher, and a writer. I enjoy stimulating conversation on a wide variety of topics, with regular amounts of laughter. Interested? Let's meet for lunch. **vtandlove**, 65 ☐ #408347

FUN-LOVING GAL
I am pretty new at this. I do have a pic and I will trade. I love doing outside warm [illegible] nice but I am a creative, charming romantic person who seeks a fun time or more. **lovevsthewater** 23 ☐ #408244

LA FILLE TRANQUILLE
A good time, wine and caring souls is what I love. Looking for someone to join me along the way. [illegible] the weather curling up with a mug of tea and a great conversation. Enjoy traveling and feeling a connection with someone on my travel bigger [illegible]. **GreenFly** 44 ☐ #408484

CURIOUS, ADVENTUROUS AND SENSUAL
I'm a fun loving and very giving person. I like to keep things simple and live every day like it was my last. I'm looking for that special someone who can give equally in the relationship and totally give of themselves physically, emotionally and mentally. Get to know me. **yalug**1201d 38 ☐ #408484

MEN seeking WOMEN

POET, TEACHER, GIANT SLAYER
I love creating visual art, music and writing. I always have musical projects cooking, and I spend lots of time writing long poems, and music in my home studio. I'm a deeply spiritual person. I usually pick great coffee to beer. I want to find a woman who takes life seriously. Seinen Word and Seyfous fun. **hopefulVT** 20 #108405

SEXY, EROTIC ONLINE CHAT
I am looking for someone to share some fun online, trade some pictures, webcam, have a good time helping each other. Send me an email and we can talk on AIM and maybe have some fun. :) **ready2cyndr** 40 ☐ #408400

TAKE ME TO VALHALLA
You'll have to find someone to fall in love with but at the same time grow into love with them. I would want someone who knows that you can create an "us" without destroying the "me," that we can drink from the same cup but not necessarily the same bottle. **odinsaelgd**, 44 #108309

LOOKING FOR A STORY
This hopeful romantic looks for someone who enjoys a lot of the same things I do, like outdoor adventures, traveling, hiking out, relaxing and doing romantic. About me: all of my friends would say I am one of the nicest people you could ever meet. I enjoy a plethora of activities and try to enjoy life fully. **singlstruck74** 31, ☐ #408354

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT!
Just looking for some fun and excitement in an otherwise monotonous routine. **nurdo324**, 40 ☐ #408305

OUTRAGEOUS HONEST, CAREFREE SNOWBOARDER
I am an honest, outgoing and goofy guy looking for someone nice to compliment my life — someone who doesn't need the limelight all the time, who is too young at heart and willing to let go like have fun. I am 6'3", 180 lbs. I love life, love, and occasionally act my age. Care to join me? **samvelnk**, 33 ☐ #408444

INTELLECTUAL OUTDOOR LOVER
Skier, hiker, literary enthusiast looking for the same. College grad, 5'11", blue eyes, light brown hair, 160 lbs. **mbvoude** 44 ☐ #512300

LAST HONEST GOOD MAN STANDING
After two years of being widowed my heart wishes to join another. I am a one-woman man who realizes how short and precious life is. I love the land and residing to a good mate with a very special woman. A gentle or wise woman who appreciates the look. **northernman** 48 #109450

MMMMM AVOCADOS
A good listener that's empathic and believes that everyone has a right to be themselves and should be revered for their gifts and not their weaknesses. I want people well and others see me as delightful and occasionally mischievous. Everyone has something unique and special to offer and I'm always looking for it. **compfrest**, 44 ☐ #404440

LIVE IT UP
I'm outgoing, like the outdoors (I deliver with a wood wind stove), have a healthy lifestyle and a good sense of humor. Seeking young, pretty woman to do things with, dining out, hike, see a movie, travel, and have fun. **vtbean** 44 #408484

ADVENTURER SEEKING PARTNER IN CRIME
Looking for a person to do the cheesy dating things with. Dinner, walks, late-night pizzas unconventional, snuggling — in hopes of making a deeper connection. Are you for the to have random fun, some climbing, backcountry riding, time on the long trail? **goplayoutside** 40, ☐ #408308

FRIENDS DATING ALL IS GOOD
Here I am, I'm divorced, no baggage. Good job, home owner. (OK, so I am not missing all the little Focuses and posting on the road?) I enjoy biking, kayaking, and skiing, all a day hiking, watching a movie is just fine. Hey, I am here looking to meet people friends for dating, friends, making more friends. **seasidegyptsomething** 40 ☐ #108440

SINGER SONGWRITER HORROR FAN
Okay. I love music, movies, ghosts and freaks in that order. I love to cook, and I sing, play guitar and write music. I hate flakes so if you're flaky, leave me be. I also love to talk over coffee or tea or whatever you fancy. I don't drink but I do smoke the green and cigarettes. Cuffling rocks. **CaptainSexyFrog**, 25 #108254

MUSIC IS LIFE
Well, I'm very easy going. Emphasis on very. I can get along with anyone. I'm looking for someone to get to know. Hopefully find someone amazing. I spend my mind. If I have something to say, I'll say it. That's me in a nutshell. Wanna know more? CRACK ME OPEN or email me—that works too. :) **lostinthesnow** 44 ☐ #408244

BE WHAT YOU ARE
I think of myself as a simple person. Just like anyone I like to have fun and joke around. I have one hell of a sense of humor and can make anyone laugh at any time no matter the situation. I love writing and playing music. I'm looking for an honest person to share a few laughs and good times with. **damntheighle** 44 ☐ #408288

I LIKE ANSWERING QUESTIONS!
I am random. I'm goofy. (I'm actually laughing, not really.) Looking for dating/fun times/LTR/whatever. I hate loneliness, celebrity nonsense, and stupidity (unless you're hot, which forgives a lot). Don't waste my time. I'm kind of a catch, a good cook, and funny. Love politics (agree to disagree, be nice). P.S. I'm tangential and a poor speller. **nortlec**, 44 ☐ #408444

LOOKING FOR LUCK
Looking for someone with no sense of humor because every time I laugh all my teeth fall out. I would like to meet someone who I can fore all the most same things as me so that we never have to talk. Please also be tough out of my league so that I can be nervous all the time. Excellent. **goetm** 40 ☐ #108444

DON'T THINK TWICE, IT'S ALL RIGHT
Mother lost in Vermont. Looking to meet a free-thinking, honest woman who knows how to let her hair down. Independent and at southernmost or most. **carefede**, 47 ☐ #408253

MEN seeking MEN

REGULAR JOE, IRREGULAR MOM?
35-year-old professional seeking Mr. Almost Perfect. I love old movies and spending time with family and friends. A third weekend trip is always a great recharge. I own to cook, entertain on occasion, and make sure the dishes are done before bed. I think affection is a better art. I think nothing beats a great hug. **vtbeulax**, 40 ☐ #472444

SWEETEST GUY AROUND
GWM 5'7" 140 pounds. Not muscle-bound hunk but, probably the cutest, kindest most sincere and devoted guy you'll find. Hoping to find Prince Charming and he's [illegible] still out there. If you're out there somewhere, so let's connect. At the very least we could become friends if nothing more, but we may surprise ourselves. **happyfeet**, 40 ☐ #408344

GENUINE NICE GUY
Just posting the profile for possible responses. I may make it my interest, just send me message and we'll go from there. Very low pressure guy. Self confident and comfortable with myself and love life. **vtnatman** 40 ☐ #107744

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WOMEN seeking...

SEEKING TO FULFILL A FANTASY
A 22 year-old female with class seeks to realize a fantasy with a woman. You must be clean, d/d free, open minded. Fiancé gives me the go-ahead. I would try anything once, maybe twice, but take it slow. I'm new to this and shy. Maybe friends first and see what develops. Fiancé not included unless me and another woman. angel421 22 #108409

KINKY LOVERS FOR KINKY THIRD
Two clean sexy students, 21, 19, looking for a third for the 'lovin'. Simply a one-time thing. Girl has to be down with going down on both of us. We are both super friendly and casual. Experienced in this sort of scenario so if it's your first time, that's OK. littleppenayt, 21 #108384

VIXEN WANTS TO PLAY!
I am 18 years old and am very bisexual. Looking for a femme who is able to have fun in and out of bed. Must have a sense of humor. In height and weight proportionate. BoredInVt, 18 ☐ #108384

COME PLAY WITH ME
Attached but wanting more than I get at home. NSA playing without head games a must. Arwell0538, 44 ☐ #108251

STRONG SASSY SUB SEEKS DOMME
I am a very busy mom in need of a strong woman to worship. She (you?) will enjoy turning me to make me her own for a long-term relationship. We may see each other only sporadically, but regularly for beautiful sessions, dinner dates, etc. I like pain although not too extreme play. I am ready to explore the boundaries. bigredbottom 47 #108114

DRESSING UP MULTIRACIAL, SHAVED MINX
Looking for Mr. Right(Ms!) Right now. Love sex, like to give and receive oral. I really like tall men (six feet or taller). Long hair turns me on. Love to dress up. Sexual, please? anyplaything2 11 ☐ #108800

WIGGLE-WIGGLE! WIGGLE!
Do you like hemp rope or have you ever fantasized about it. Let's explore and play. Please bring an open mind, clear communication and a sense of adventure. I'm a girl. knowmyself 44 ☐ #101804

LOVE GODESS
Hey, I'm Amanda, I'm 18 years old, and I love to have a good time. I love to party, but I don't base my life around it. I'm looking for someone just to have a little bit of fun with, nothing concrete or long-term. Just a little bit here and there. :) If you're interested, send me a message. icface_mee_x0 18 #101816

CRAZY SPONTANEOUS, CURIOUS
I can't really say that I have done this before. I'm just looking for something (or someone) fresh. Looks are not that important to me but height is. I'm attracted to more feminine-looking women. I just got out of a long-term relationship and am looking to have some fun. I'm tall, blond and full of life. crazylady 18 #101149

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I'LL BE YOUR SUGARPLUM, FAIRY ;0)
Recent graduate looking to expand my knowledge in the bedroom. I've done the nice, now it's time to do naughty. If you'll be my Santa, I'll let you eat my cookies made just for you. If you think you can handle this sugarplum let me know and I'll fly over. Sugarfem, 24 ☐ #101414

SEXY BLOND SEEKS...
I'm looking for a man who knows how to have a good time with no commitment. If you want to know more, email me. chi83 24 ☐ #107296

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS
Man no drama wife 44 5'5" tall, sensual, and passionate in bed. Looking for lover with no strings attached. I'm into a lot of hot sexy bedroom antics and I need a partner to act out my fantasies with. Husband is always working. Wife is lonely. Very lonely and very horny. I am an exhibitionist too. Notsoshyhunny, 42 ☐ #107281

WELL-GIRL VIRGIN ...HELP!
WAY overdue for that first experience; I want to lose my 'virginity'. I have the only one I want, but need a playmate. Want someone different from me in all the right places for very fun with NO drama. Need a flirty mind, flirty mouth and clean medical record. I'm too young to be inhibited, too old to be reckless. Let's see whatcha got! sassafras, 44 ☐ #107150

A FANTASY OF A LOVER
Honesty is key. I'm in a LTR with a man. We are looking for a woman who would help us fulfill a phone sex fantasy. I would like to get to know you a bit first, then we could talk about our sexual experience. If you are interested please get in contact. I'm an open book. Thanks :) radoum 24 ☐ #101089

HIGHLY PASSIONATE
SWF 19 seeking full pleasure, love and lust. Would like to explore some kinky fantasies. A man willing to give me a try to please him. Clean and discreet, please. Possible relationship too. CA2001 40, ☐ #108502

CINDERELLA WITH THE DOUBLE D'S
You know I'm refusing to give up. I am voluptuous plus-sized: there's no disputing the fact. So if that's not your type, don't respond and waste my time okay? I'm looking for a little bit of the wild side with some fornication thrown in. But admittedly I'm somewhat of a novice at things. I'd love some help in that department. biggirlenergy, 42, #108153

HELP ME THANK HIM
My guy has been very good to me. I'd like you to help me thank him. Looking for a woman or women to help me make his fantasies become moments of ecstasy. Don't be shy, unless you want to play the role of the quiet, yet naughty school girl. If this all makes you as wet as me then you are right for this encounter. dlibetter 45, ☐ #101248

QUITE A CATCH
Voluptuous (so there's more to love) brunette, brown eyes. Looking to try new experiences, very curious about BDSM but not into pain. Basically looking for someone to be my private tutor. Please, don't hesitate responding if you're not the pine-cone type or involved with someone. Let's not waste my time anymore. wholelotrabes 45 #108084

MEN seeking...

THINGS TO DO BEFORE 50
Laugh. Love. Ride. Eat. Sleep. Repeat. And enjoy another to become with the right people. It's been 40 years. I want to do it again. No hurry. The time is under snow and I have all summer. BIGS0900N 40 ☐ #108413

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE
Been looking to play and have fun. Safe and sane. Tickling is the best. BDSM scene for 3 years now. Ticklemaster 41 #108211

ATHLETIC, GOOD LOOKING AND EXPERIENCED
I am looking for a clean, disease-free woman, preferably petite/small, who is looking for someone to please her and treat her the way she would like. Shaved woman are preferred. I am a professional, 44 years old, 5'7" 166 lbs., muscular cut, with a great drive. NYCVTER, 38 ☐ #108344

NEED A LITTLE EXTRA!
In a relationship but would like to explore. Can I seem to get it all at home. Instruction, 35 ☐ #108344

NEED TO HAVE FUN
I'm a 19 year old male. I live in Waltham. I'm looking for a man or female to have some fun with. If you are interested let me know. email, 19 ☐ #108349

TRUE GENTLEMAN SEEKS PROGRESSIVE PLAYMATES
Hello, I am 28 years old, I am a college educated professional. I have blond hair and blue eyes. I am 6'3", 200 lbs. I am in good shape and think of myself as reasonably attractive. I am very interested in group sex as well as many other types of fun activities. I am also a true gentleman. Skibums2 28 #108181

LOVE SEX, LOVE TO LICK
Love to please, looking for a women of cpl. oldguy100 40 #108310

MEEEOW
Kitten who enjoys cuddles and hugs. Attracted to aggressive and strong women. Meow. subkitty, 24 ☐ #108300

TALL, FIT & ALWAYS HUNGRY
Eager to please submissive women/woman until completely satisfied. Looking for couple or group play as well. Looking for threesomes to fiddle with your imagination the only limit. 1tugofdimes, 41 ☐ #108281

FUN AND GAMES
I am a professional male that likes to cut loose in the time off. I am looking for similar minded females or couples who share similar traits. I prefer outdoor activities to indoor ones for the most part. greenlefiggers 34 ☐ #108114

YOUR PLEASURE IS MY DESIRE
Looking for some one-on-one with a woman who knows what she wants. 5'10" In shape, college educated. Ready to try whatever you are up for. lookingforsum, 44 #108223

IN SEARCH OF NEW EXPERIENCES
Attractive, active, artistic, intelligent, long-lasting bi-curious male looking for others to play with. Mostly drawn to being a plaything for the right couple, but wanting friendship to go along with the fun. Willing to do just about anything once, and twice looking to repeat exactly the same experience. Endless hours of exploration to guide-lines. libertinetothemaxtotes, 23 ☐ #108231

TBF
I'm totally TBF. Looking to make a girl salad. You bring the dressing. Burlington only please. I can host. BYOB. First time posting can't wait to hear from you. ken2sponge 23 ☐, #108238

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TALL, DARK HANDSOME & HORNY
Clean-cut guy just looking for a new friend w/ benefs. I don't have time for much more than that right now. I'm clean like clean clean no drugs never have. Vday78, 28 #108215

HUMOROUS HORNY READY TO GO
I am new to the scene, would like to find someone I can't who doesn't mind teaching or learning/exploring together. Haven't had much experience but interested & been only. I would like to find someone with a sense of humor as well as some compassion. Fine. what24n 20 #108214

EXPERIENTIAL ADVENTURER
I held noble fond affections at 18 years, I sated my socio constraints at 38 years. I embraced an experiential philosophy upon late and have lived ever since with my senses and desires. I would like to share my world and yours. Gryphon 40, #108181

FUN TIMES
Average guy with a feminine side. Good conversationalist, occasionally amazing even but I really do my best work once the time for talking is over. Into tons of stuff! but only with open-minded, friendly and clean people. I also have a song n tent. I get together with on a regular basis. Interested in joining us? Bring me a line. vtboy292 21 ☐, #108140

SENSUAL LOVES LOVES TO PLEASE
Looking for a discreet relationship where we can explore and please each other. I am kind, caring and giving, and one of my ULTIMATE turn-ons is to turn you on. pantlee001 27 ☐, #108104

ANYTHING GOES
Single and looking to meet others. Would like to meet women who are interested in anything. Whatever you are up for so am I. Let's talk. 254a, 28, #108235

NO STRINGS ATTACHED
Hey 28 yr old guy here, good looking, short hair, blue eyes. Looking for first time experience with a woman. Please be early-mid 20's, slender and willing to show me the ropes. firsttimer11 40 ☐, #108614

GOOD AND LOOKING
First-time to this, not sure what to expect. I'm tall, dark and handsome (I'd leave that for you to judge). Haven't dated in a while, but looking to spread my wings again. Love having a good time in any way, shape or form. If size matters to you and you're looking for a good time, look me up. ☐AB, lotsofdevils 41 #108043

LOOKING FOR NAUGHTY WOMAN
Looking for a woman who is uninhibited who likes to experiment. I like most anything not, strings in catching and caressing who likes slight feels and lingerie who likes to be naughty and also likes to be dominated or to dominate. All sport stuff! mindsrwd4, 43 #107210

HAPPY, CRAZY AND FUN
I am a graphic type and am very good in bed. I am also a photographer and a number of other things. All in the world that could happen? Who knows, you might like it. Brew6084 15, #106320

MANLY MAN NEEDS GIRLY GIRL
I'm an attractive man guy who knows what he likes. I would like to explore some of my kinky fantasies with a hot girly girl who loves to do it. dollVegieFun 26, ☐ #108801

INTERVIEW FOR MY MISTRESS OPENING
Me, I am my first and I don't sugarcoat life. It can be hard. It can be fun. It depends on the day. I am a biker in my off days and love the open road and a good adventure. So this puts me in the market for gal who would like some friendship and adventure. redrock127 36, #101804

SEX ED
Looking for girls eager for discreet play. Teacher/Student. Love to show and teach you how to have fun in the bedroom. Strictly professional, no video/Webcam pure done. Girl/Girl, Guy/Girl, & girls already. Mostly weekend and mid-week time. Must be clean. 21 y/o college grad, loves doing things outdoors, giving good, no groping just pure fun. If interested no endgirlems. michael41 22 #101811

JUST FOR FUN
Just looking for some playmates. jethom 42 #101810

DON'T THROW ME AWAY
I am not used at home. Please recycle me. I am looking for extremely discreet fun with couples or women of any age, size, etc. While I am new to this type of thing, I am confident my strong enthusiasm and desires will more than make up for my lack of experience. I'm open to almost anything to please you. recycle 44 #101905

LOVES SEX
Just looking for any kind of unattached sex. Like to give and receive massages, try anything. Satudoh, 41 ☐ #101841

OTHERS seeking...

LOOKING FOR SOME PLAY
We are looking to have our first threesome. We are easy-going and fun loving, looking for guys or girls but please no couples at this point. We are both of us anything goes for the most part. Drop us a line if you want to get to know us. theportick 21 ☐ #108414

INTERRACIAL COUPLE WANTS TO PLAY
White women and black men seek woman (20's-30's) for threesome, bisexual, funny, passionate, 420 friendly, clean. Take's never a dull moment with us. She wants more play. He wants to watch and perhaps join in if the feeling is right. We don't play head games. We're disease free and fit, you be too. vat17 30, ☐ #108148

COUPLE IN LOVE
We are a couple who have been together for a long time and want to spice things up with another woman. He is 6'2" 255 lbs. She is 5'2" 155 lbs. We are both height-weight proportionate. We are seeking a woman age 25-41 who is honest and openminded. homebodies, 28 ☐ #108319

SWEET INDULGENCE
Sexy, sensual, middle-aged couple seeking classy, clean, drug- and disease-free couple/couples for friendship, fine wining and dining out or at home, and, if comfortable and compatible, exploring each other's sexual fantasies and/or desires. Let's chat, get acquainted and have fun. SweetIndulgence 54 ☐, #108248

2 HOT & HORNY!
We are an unmarried couple new to this scene but soon willing to try most anything (no SM). We would prefer a woman (couples are fine, too.) who is into great sex. We are attractive and fit, d/d free, non smokers who are looking for the same. Send!! Let's meet! mrmspl. 42 #108195

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The first kiss should NOT involve saliva of any kind. NO open lips. NO open mouth and definitely NO tongue. Gross!!!

If you are at the end of a first date and get beyond the cheek (on the face), the first foray into the region should be a CLOSED-lip — nay, an almost pursed lipped — step above a peck. If that isn't rejected, then and ONLY then should the lips be moved during the kiss. THEN, if you are REALLY lucky, you might venture into the slightly open lipped territory.

Tongue should NOT be introduced until AFTER the open lips have been accepted.

When I pull away from a first kiss at the end of the first date I do NOT want my lips to get cold from the evaporation of your gross spit.

That is about all I have to say about that. In short, no open and/or wet lips on the first kiss, please. I would have thought it was common knowledge. I have learned, sadly — and disgustedly — that it is not.

Signed,
Kissed by a St. Bernard

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PERSONALS i SPY...

I'M NOT A WOMAN?
I was the tall brunette, blue eyed woman. You stopped me and said, "You're wicked cute but not a woman." What did you mean? Post your reply on I Spy. **When: Saturday, February 2, 2008. Where: Nectar's. You: Man. Me: Man. #903182**

GOT MILK?
Molt the 'milker' to player. My friend got up on stage with you. I couldn't be, but ask her for your name. I wish I had had the chance to talk to you. I was the blond one, admiring from afar. Live music, drinks, coffee sometime. Maybe next time you'll be in the audience with me. **When: Sunday, February 3, 2008. Where: Monkey House. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903181**

STILL INTERESTED AT INDIGO
You. Your hair, eyes, and smile are just as gorgeous as the last time I spied you ("Staring Contest at Indigo"). Me: The guy who waved to you today in the lobby lounge. I'm still interested in a cup of coffee with you. If interested, I'm sure getting my number shouldn't be too difficult. I gave you the right people. ~Michael. **When: Friday, February 1, 2008. Where: Indigo. You: Man. Me: Man. #903180**

INCREDIBLE BARNES & NOBLE BRUNETTE
Stud our gal (highlights, in hand) sitting in the middle of the Barnes & Noble cafe wearing a wine red shirt and jeans. I apologize if I was staring but you're incredibly attractive and really made my night. You kept looking around as though you were waiting for someone. I wish I had seized the moment and spoken to you. **When: Saturday, February 2, 2008. Where: South Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903179**

STILL LOVING YOU LA
Ms. Alison: it's been 21 months since I left VT for Phoenix and during all this time, I still love you and think of you often. I would come back to VT in a heartbeat if I still had your love. Still loving you. Also Miss Eppo! **When: Saturday, February 2, 2008. Where: Bolton. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903178**

TO MY LOVELY ROOMMATES
I'm sorry I've been such a grumpy grandpa lately. I want to thank you for all that you guys have done for me. I can't believe this is our last year together! I'm going to miss you all so much. You are the coolest girls on da block. I love you like I love fake bacon except infinity times more. Poopdeck. **When: Sunday, February 3, 2008. Where: North Willard. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903177**

BLUE LIGHTS
You: handsome, tall, shaved hair, name starts with a C, I believe. But all I know you as is "Officer." I'd show you how to use those handcuffs you have. Single. **When: Monday, January 21, 2008. Where: Route 7. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903176**

CAUGHT YOU STARING AT ME
You're male. I'm female. I caught you staring at me for a moment and we smiled. I'm interested in knowing you more. You, green brown coat. Me, grey-brown jacket. Between 4 and 6 p.m. (?) Friday night, Feb. 1. **When: Saturday, February 2, 2008. Where: 3 Needs. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903175**

GARY
We met this summer at Cody's. We talked about dogs and blue drinks (you treated me to one). You said you go there regularly, but I seem to always miss you. I'd like to connect again. Would you? **When: Thursday, August 28, 2008. Where: Cody's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903174**

DEALER.COM BOY
Lovely day to I spy(de)... The midwest maidens and the mattress testing have been fabulous. Looking forward to more. Indigo 6 t **When: Friday, February 1, 2008. Where: Finnegan's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903173**

I SPY MY STELLA STUD
My heart skipped a beat as you brushed your hand over mine while I paid my tab on Saturday. I bet you'd be more. Maybe I could be your guest and you could win a with me! **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: Stella Notte. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903171**

DISPARATE TO THE OCEAN
Heck, you almost made it impossible for me to speak with you from across the bar and yes I am afraid of you, I like girl. That must be why I am so intrigued. **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: from my car. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903170**

LAURE, ZENE, ABBY, YOSHUA, TUBEPOP
To Portland I go. Good-bye snow biking, clan park punks, see you later king Roy-ish customers. Whether you shared my home, my workplace or just hung around, I love you and thank you for everything. I'll be back to buy that mbandthem vinyl, Mike. I still don't hate you, Hank. Word to DJ CRAT and DJ Zelle Scrabble 11-COREPLANET FOYLIFE. **When: Thursday, January 31, 2008. Where: 60 St, Pure Pop, the park, and Dons. In graffiti and cars. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903169**

ROLL BACK DAY AT MAD RIVER GLEN JAN 29
Hey, you were in a green jacket and black pants. I was wearing a red jacket and black pants with a red helmet. You followed me and my buddies down the top of Paradise. You asked me how the chute to the left was. You skied it perfectly. Want to meet up sometime? **When: Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Where: Mad River Glen. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903168**

SILVER-HAIRED FOX
Uncommon Grounds: I'm the dark-haired woman in a green jacket sitting in the window with a male friend. You have grayish-silver hair, and wore a navy pea coat. You came in for coffee to go and our eyes met on your way out. Would you like to stop the next time and have coffee with me? **When: Thursday, January 31, 2008. Where: Uncommon Grounds. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903181**

DOWNTOWN RUN DOWN
To the guy I almost hit on Tuesday night: I feel like I should apologize and buy you a drink, or some reflective clothing. **When: Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Where: the corner of South Union and Pearl St. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903160**

BELATED RESPONSE TO STUPID
I am not one to know what caused this whole mess either. You are correct: what is stupid is the moonlight in the morning never is. My heart will always remember the love. It is foolishness to dwell in the past, so I move on without you. **When: Tuesday, May 1, 2007. Where: in my dreams. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903165**

MISS B-TOWN
Snow globe streets and under the moon sweet laughter in this city full of friends, some just waiting to be met. See Bloomington, Indiana, is no place like home. And dear B-town, I'm just dying to see you again. Ah my love. Miaow. **When: Tuesday, November 13, 2008. Where: late one night. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903166**

MIND WANDERED INTO MUDDY'S
I was the frantic person stumbling about and nervously walking around looking for my set of keys. Thank you to the people who helped me by looking for them under the tables and atop the counters. [Laugh.] In the convergence of all things absent-minded that day, the keys were resting on the passenger seat of my car. **When: Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Where: Muddy Waters. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903161**

HANNAFORDS
Monday, Jan 28. You: tall, dark, curly hair, dark eyes and a beautiful smile. Me: tall, long brown hair, brown eyes and red coat, smiling back as I almost took you out in the dairy aisle. I wish I'd been brave enough to give you my number. **When: Monday, January 28, 2008. Where: Milton Hannafords. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903160**

FROM YOUR VT HONEYBEE
I predict that you will be wearing a orange sweatshirt by Valentine's Day that you can never gonna want to take off... except when you see me. :) Happy Love Day. p.s. Send me cookies :) **When: Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Where: sleeping in my bed. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903159**

BONNIE BEAUTY
I gave my spare ticket to a friend and didn't know she later gave it to you. That's why I said the seat was taken. Too bad, cause I'd noticed you in the foyer earlier. Care to discuss the Incredible dance? **When: Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Where: Flynn. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903158**

MUSICAL CHAIRS AT MUDDY WATERS
I am the stripedshirted who gave you my window seat for your laptop's convenience. I am also kicking myself for not seizing the chance to socialize before you left. I'll be crossing my fingers for a second chance. **When: Friday, January 25, 2008. Where: Muddy Waters. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903157**

THIRD SHIFT OFF GREGORY DRIVE
Just a shout out to my ex co-workers on third shift. It's been over a year, and I hope all is well with you two. I miss some of the gang. **When: Friday, November 16, 2008. Where: old job. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903156**

SLIPPERY FATTIES: POETRY & TEA
Do these things ring a bell? I says... a SEATTLE BOY who is most like a playing in the snow instead of surfing the waves. And you thought you'd never find your recall, retired stiff in one of these. Happy Birthday. The palm trees say hello. New about that poetry... Best wishes on your special day. Enjoy. :) **When: Thursday, November 1, 2007. Where: The Big Surf, Vermont. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903154**

SATURDAY PARTY ON PARK ST.
I spy with my dancing eye a dance party that went on too late and was way too much fun and OH MY FACE, I wished I'd had the cajones to kiss you. Picking the same bank... OK, though, cause I had SO much fun. Wanna be a puppy with me some day, like Friday at a contra dance? **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: Park Street Dance-athon. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903153**

LOW PANTS-WEARING BARISTA MAN
You're right: three and a half hours isn't anything after an ocean. Culture: your favor. **When: Monday, January 28, 2008. Where: Burlington, New York. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903152**

ZACKARY AND MOM, BURLINGTON POST OFFICE
Monday, Jan 28, 12:50 p.m. Mom and son Zachary. He asked mom "What do you need at this bank?" So cute. Mom said, "I need a money order to pay bills." I was smiling at little Zachary and his mom. I pray that God will help Zachary's Mom find my ad and reply. Mom was BEAUTIFUL and had such a cute son. **When: Monday, January 28, 2008. Where: Burlington Post Office. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903151**

YOU'VE BEEN SPIED!
To the Summerrefanexam mannga therapist Gill, you rock. I will miss the crazy, goofy, funny, straight times. **When: Monday, January 28, 2008. Where: at work. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903148**

WAITRESS AT HIGHER GROUND
Saturday night. You were stunning. You had dark hair and were on the floor. I had on a red jacket and wore a ponytail. I wanted to talk to you, but you looked busy. Interested in coffee or a drink? **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: Higher Ground. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903148**

YOU ARE SUCH AN M.I.L.F.
I spy a super sexy M.I.L.F. in Essex and Colchester. OH, how I wanna... the list is too long and some stuff I'm sure would be uncomfortable. Just know I wanna. **When: Monday, January 28, 2008. Where: Colchester & Essex. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903141**

YOU LOVE PUFF THE CAT
Yes, this really is about you! You're crafty, passionate about people and cook a mean eggplant parmesan. You're, like, the coolest person I know. Someday, I want to be as cool as you. Whenever others bring you down, just shout to the world, "CY-PRUS!" approximately three times and jump on the Ferris ride. Come on, we'll do it together. **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: everywhere. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903144**

TO THE DIVA AT METRONOME
Emily, the beautiful brunette, you were drinking Red Bull and vodka. We haven't got the chance to dance when I got to the dance floor I'd not see you. I hope we will meet again. **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: Metronome. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903145**

HAWAIIAN NATIVE - CITY MARKET
To the gorgeous woman with beautiful skin. I was behind you in line on Jan. 24. Black hat, gray sweatshirt. I enjoyed our discussion of proper checkout line etiquette. Unfortunately, I didn't get your name. Interested in getting together for some cupcakes and milk? **When: Thursday, January 24, 2008. Where: City Market. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903144**

AMERICAN FLAG FROM DATE
You'd given me an [illegible] drawn hat. You driven [illegible] #18, and made a sense of adventure. I like the way you write stories. You're the most intriguing person I have ever met. And I miss you. **When: Sunday, January 27, 2008. Where: last year. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904443**

I SPY A BLONDE USED-BOOKSELLER...
We've exchanged smiles and pleasantries and though I'm rather shy at first, are you available/interested in a conversation over coffee or a drink? **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: South Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904344**

DEAR MISS ON NORTH WILLISTON
Beautiful sunrise occasion, [illegible] met ran into my [illegible]. Driving on Orchard [illegible] January [illegible] very early morning. Forgot to ask for phone number. Would like to talk. **When: Saturday, January 26, 2008. Where: North Williston Rd. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903467**

DANIELLE FROM CHAMPLAIN
Danielle-We had a class together couple years ago. Hadn't seen you in a while [illegible] 2/24 [illegible] lost you somehow. keep in touch [illegible] **When: Friday, January 25, 2008. Where: Akes. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904447**

WE DANCED IN [illegible]
I couldn't stop smiling at you while we danced in the front. I was too shy to say hi to you after they stopped. Swing by the Monkey on Sunday afternoons and maybe I'll be able to do more than just smile. **When: Friday, January 25, 2008. Where: The Monkey House. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903436**

[illegible] ARE BEAUTIFUL
Last night I dreamt of a lady who is so cute she makes me blush. I miss her goofiness, freckles, intelligence, skin, smell, taste, thoughtfulness and smile. She probably doesn't read these, but hopefully another lady or gentleman can tell her that I love her and that Notice has got nothing on her beauty. **When: Thursday, January 24, 2008. Where: dreams. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904135**

FROM THE PURPLE-CROWNED BIRTHDAY GIRL
Hey I was the birthday-day girl wearing the purple crown at Chili's; you were the guy sitting a couple seats over from me. You asked my age (27 - not 16!) and then bought me a drink at the end of the evening. I didn't get a chance to get your number (or give you mine-winkwink). Let's go for drinks sometime. **When: Thursday, January 24, 2008. Where: Chili's in Williston. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904444**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROBIN
From your biggest fan. **When: Friday, January 25, 2008. Where: Home. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904444**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BIG GUY
From your girls. **When: Friday, January 25, 2008. Where: every day. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904132**

SWEET CLOVER MARKET
Hellen-Can you show me how to properly judge the produce away from the market? Maybe we could meet for coffee or a movie. Maybe a nice massage. **When: Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Where: Sweet Clover Market-Essex. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903334**

DROWN ME IN THE FLOWERS.
Since that day in the dirt my world has been turned upside down. You share my hopes and my dreams, whatever sacrifice it takes I'm willing to make. Thank you for everything you are, everything you give, & the endless love you have for me even when you have none left for yourself. I couldn't ask for more. -ilo **When: Thursday, January 24, 2008. Where: In the dirt at Smuggs. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904440**

CHAD: IT'S ME, HOPE
Chad, it's me, Hope. Haven't talked to you in a long time. You should check me out on myspace under the same name. I hope to talk to you soon. **When: Sunday, January 13, 2008. Where: On I-Spy. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904426**

DROPPING OFF HIGHER GROUND COMEDY FLIERS
I was at Holiday Inn front desk on Williston Rd. and I saw you come in on Wednesday, Jan. 23. I dropping off fliers for the Higher Ground comedy catch. I thought you were super cute and I was just wondering... are you single. 'Cause I'm single. Super single. **When: Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Where: Holiday Inn on Williston Rd. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904420**

CINNAMON GIRL
I saw you at your [illegible] getting [illegible] and knew I could be happy for the rest of my life with a cinnamon girl. Let me know if you need my private training. **When: Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Where: Sleepingport. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904427**

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
You were sitting at the counter at Penny Cluse on Sun. the 20th wearing a green t-shirt and eating with a friend. You caught my eye from the start. I was sitting at the end of the counter with a friend. Short blonde hair and black shirt. Maybe I could buy you breakfast. **When: Sunday, January 20, 2008. Where: Penny Cluse. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904424**

MY LITTLE BEAUTY
Hey you. My day starts with a smile always because you're the first thing I see. I love you more every time I see your beautiful GREEN eyes. If you let me, I'll always be your Chuck. **When: Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Where: every morning. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904425**

HOTTY IN GLOBAL CINEMA CLASS
I have only had the class a couple of times so far. You are so beautiful words cannot describe. I am glad that I am there to share your first film class experience with you. Look forward to sitting with you tomorrow in class. You are number one on the attendance list, and number one in my heart. **When: Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Where: Global Cinema class. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903424**

"LARA" NOT LAURA AT NECTAR'S
We may not talked for much at all, not even traded hits on the dance floor at Nectar's on Sunday the 20th. I asked for your number; you made sure I spelled and pronounced your name correctly. You said we'd see each other again. "Please we both know Jones." I was hoping if you saw this my phone would start to ring. **When: Sunday, January 20, 2008. Where: Nectar's reggae night. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904444**

"BOOP BOOP BOOP"
You know who you are. You mostly called me your hero for standing up for you that night. I miss us and you and the me that I was around you. Let's take those baby steps to where we want to be together because even baby steps are progress. 4.5 you've officially been I Spied! & I love you. **When: Tuesday, August 14, 2007. Where: Prima, Red Square, doctor's, my room and my heart. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904422**

FEMALE-CONSTRUCTION WORKER
Morrisville Price Chopper day before Thanksgiving. A female in the deli area talked about what kind of yogurt for her diet. She had on a pair of jeans, t-shirt and a plaid shirt over the t-shirt. She was a construction worker. Loved horses, worked out in a gym, and was divorced for 18 yrs. She wanted to learn ballroom dancing. I have not seen her since. **When: Thursday, November 22, 2007. Where: Morrisville Price Chopper. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904424**

J. EDGAR DOES [illegible] DAY
Saw you from afar. Your orange shirt reminded me of hot summer days of golf and our fishing trips to Great River. Let's switchback to wetter times, bud? If I hadn't seen you today, I might've thought an Ethan Allen banner drawn [illegible] got you. What I mean is, call me, griffingolf. We have important things to do at GaM. **When: Monday, January 21, 2008. Where: Contois Auditorium. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904420**

NUZZLE-CRAZY AMAZING-ADORABLE LION PART 2
It's so easy for you to make me smile. It's so safe and warm in your arms (I won't go farther~) I treasure and adore every moment we spend together as the best moments of my life. Time goes by too fast when we're together. But as soon as I know I'll see you I want to be with you. **When: Monday, April 2, 2007. Where: Starbucks, Stowe, fairyland, Jungles. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903440**

NUZZLE-CRAZY AMAZING-ADORABLE LION PART 4
I know you read it, sometimes even to man of you have no idea how much I love listening to your voice. As well as everything else you do. The weekends spent with you, are weekends of paradise spent in fairyland, full of magic and wonder. Every single weekend no matter how many of them already were. **When: Monday, April 2, 2007. Where: Starbucks, Stowe, Fairyland, Jungles. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903440**

IMAGO 1-24
My friend and I were looking at toys, you came in and watched from across the aisle. Which you gonna and whose gonna play? We liked what we saw and went to see more. You: Tall and handsome. Us: Pretty dark-haired girl and cute clown-haired boy. **When: Monday, January 21, 2008. Where: Imago. You: Man. Me: Man. #904447**

TO THE BEAUTIFUL AND NAMELESS
You took pepper rocked my world, and seeing you in just your towel and garbage ring bewitched me. Keep on representing your hood-worthy self and know that you are catching the attention of many. Here's to a speedy recovery. You're a trooper. Am I [illegible] **When: Monday, January 21, 2008. Where: I Wildard. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904446**

WARM [illegible] CONTINUED
I love you and I am grateful to have you as my love, and the Mamma to our wonderful children. Thank you for being the best. You can not handle Taffy in our bed anytime. I Love you. JRYYS. Cowgirl **When: Saturday, January 19, 2008. Where: movies in Williston. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903445**

WITH ALL MY HEART
Dear Bib. You are my everything, every day one day at a time to eternity and back again. You are the color in my black and white world; you are the fish in my baby and you are the sugar in my straw. 2 B Cont.... Love, Cowgirl **When: Monday, January 21, 2008. Where: at the movies. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903444**

STONE MAN TRAVELING TO DULLES
Meeting #1, BWI. I was flying back from my cousin's wedding. I offered you a ride to Stowe. Your friends were already on their way. Meeting #2, BTV. You were traveling to Dulles via BTV. I was hoping I'd be sitting near you so we could continue the conversation that we started at the gate. Are you single. Drinks sometime? **When: Friday, January 18, 2008. Where: Burlington Airport. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904444**

ERIC, WHO HAS HOTLINE HEARING
See: You can tell from just the headline. **When: Wednesday, January 16, 2008. Where: some Dublin restaurant. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903442**

RICHMOND CUMBERLAND FARMS DECEMBER
I noticed your eye spy last month. We talked in Conny's about beer and I let you go in front of me when we met at the castle. I am flattered by the I Spy. I would love to go out and get drinks but as a gentleman it will have to be my treat. **When: Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Where: Richmond Cumberland Farms. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904444**

TO MY GANJA GODDESS
This firecrotch loves you. I wanna share everything with you and it all just seems so right. The thought of waking up in your arms again makes it all worthwhile. Sun moon n stars babe. a.d. **When: Friday, January 5, 2008. Where: third floor and of the bell, with flowers :) You: Woman. Me: Man. #904440**

[illegible] CAP IN GREEN ROOM
Green Room Fri. 1/18. Red-head, cute as you, black cap. Beautiful when you took it off. You at a table with girlfriends. Me and a buddy at the bar. We exchanged glances but no words. I'm apparently not bold introducing myself in bars. Other than that I'm good at communication. Want to meet and find out who we are? **When: Friday, January 18, 2008. Where: Green Room. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903108**

THE STARFISH INCIDENT...
B Casey: Thank you for saving my nose again. But next time, please no mouth-to-mouth. It's all fun and games until someone loses their heart. I hope you can understand. -3 Eggs [illegible] **When: Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Where: Johnson. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904444**

THANK YOU
Thank you for hearing what I said to you. With just that simple gesture you put a huge stitch in my heart. **When: Sunday, January 20, 2008. Where: waving goodbye. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903446**

TO MY NEW, OLD FRIEND
I'm so glad you and me can be friends. I hope you meant it because there is no getting rid of me now. Don't fear me thinking there is something more than what there is. Like I've told you before, all I want is to show you [illegible] the special person in your life knows how lucky they are. **When: Friday, January 18, 2008. Where: outside smoking. You: Man. Me: Woman. #903405**

THE BREAKFAST CLUB
I spy a judge, but not from a desk, a jeopardy wannabe, and a wonderful cook. I spy a statesman, a blonde dead head, and a walking lady who drags her gulf from her bed. **When: Friday, January 18, 2008. Where: tromping along. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904404**

I MISS YOUR BRITISH ACCENT
Thousands of miles between us cannot keep my mind off you. I'm flattered. How can it possible for me to meet such a perfect woman? **When: Friday, January 18, 2008. Where: dreams. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #903403**

YOU TOOK MY BREATH AWAY
You were sitting at the library in Essex Jct. on the computer next to me—hope your head is okay, haha. We made small talk and you have a great smile. Was wondering if you wanted to go and meet some people at Centre Beverage and get directed... or maybe just go out for a drink sometime. **When: Friday, January 18, 2008. Where: Brownell Library. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903402**

DEAR FLYNN THEATER GIRL
You told me how Richard Thompson and his [illegible] were smiling. You're cuter than Tom Ayes and if I hadn't just gotten the best news of the year, our encounter would have been my day's highlight. I've been gone a while, so please welcome me back to town and invite me for a drink. That's what I'd do. [w/a] **When: Thursday, January 17, 2008. Where: In front of the Flynn. You: Woman. Me: Man. #903410**

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THE LIVING ROOM WOULD LOOK PERFECT IN AUBERGINE!
I KNOW BUT I'M VOTING FOR TAUPE BECAUSE IT'S MORE ELECTABLE.
I SEE I WAS BORN IN NORTH DAKOTA. MY VOTE'S PROPORTIONALLY MORE INFLUENTIAL THAN BOTH OF YOURS COMBINED.
COME ON! FOCUS! WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR INDEPENDENT INTERESTS TO EMERGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY HOPE OF COMPETING SUCCESSFULLY WITH YOUR PEERS YOU NEED TO DECLARE A MAJOR NOW.
SAT
REALLY? ANYTHING I WANT?
ABSOLUTELY! ANYTHING IN THIS STORE THAT'S UNDER $25 AND ISN'T TOO BADLY GO-PARTY
AWESOME.
OF COURSE THERE'S NO REAL WAY TO BE SURE THE SCAN REFLECTS YOUR ACTUAL FINDINGS, AND THERE'S A ONE IN TEN CHANCE THE MACHINE WILL FAIL ALTOGETHER. BUT HOP UP HERE!
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classes

aromatherapy

INTRODUCTION TO AROMATHERAPY: Feb. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: $34/prepaid by Feb. 20th. Location: Ngiri Oasis Books & Gifts, 124 So. Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: 802-660-8060. *Receive a sample oil and learn how you can incorporate aromatherapy and essential oils into your everyday life. We will discuss what essential oils are, how they affect the body & mind, and how to use them for their aesthetic & therapeutic effects. Presented by Carol von Rohr.*

childbirth

CVMC BIRTHING CTR. OPEN HOUSE: First Wed. of every month, 6:30-7 p.m. Location: Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Rd., Berlin. Info: Central Vermont Medical Center, 802-371-4415, www.central[illegible].org. *It's mom's choice: birthing the way you feel as you want it! Learn more about our full range of services, meet staff members and tour our new Garden Path Birthing Center. Friends and family welcome. A light meal will be served. Registration is required.*

PRENATAL YOGA: Saturdays, 9 a.m. Cost: $10/1-hour class. Location: Central Vermont Medical Center, 130 Fisher Rd., Berlin. Info: Central Vermont Medical Center, Elizabeth Murphy, 802-225-8847, www.central[illegible]. *Embrace and celebrate this sacred time. Gain confidence in your body's wisdom. Ease back pain, nausea, hip discomfort and prepare your body for pregnancy, birth & beyond. Prenatal yoga instructor Elizabeth Murphy weaves her knowledge as a labor & delivery nurse, yogini and mother of two.*

PRENATAL YOGA: Feb. 5 - Mar. 26, 4:30-6 p.m., weekly on Monday. Cost: $12/class, $80/series. Location: Integrative Health, Ste. 12, [illegible], Randolph, VT. Info: Mary Sutherland, MA, CYT, 802-767-8792, www.[illegible]. *Prenatal yoga/support group focuses on everything from the inside out, helping a woman to have an empowering pregnancy and birthing experience. Breathwork, movement and relaxation builds inner strength, which increases a woman's ability to flow with the ever-changing experiences of pregnancy, motherhood and life. No prior yoga experience needed.*

clay

BEGINNER - EXPERIENCED WORKSHOPS: Cost: $125/2-hour classes. Location: Waterbury Art Center, 201 Hollow Road, Waterbury Center. Info: Waterbury Art Center, 802-244-6747, waterburyart@gmail.com. *25 lbs clay, two hours instruction weekly, daily Open Studio. Beginner: Introduction to Clay, $125/4 weeks. Proper wheel, handbuilding & glazing. (Prerequisite for Wheel Workshop) Classes run FOUR TIMES PER YEAR: January 8, March 26, May 17 & October 12. Experienced: $256/8 weeks. The whole gamut. These courses FIVE TIMES PER YEAR: February 12, April 23, June 24, September 9 & November 18. Contact for children's info.*

computers

CERTIFIED COMPUTER EXAMINER: Cost: $2800/4 days, 8 hours per day. Location: Champlain College, [illegible] for Global Business & Technology, Burlington. Info: Champlain College, John Lowther, 802-865-6403, jlowther@champlain.edu, www.champlain.edu/cfe. *The CCE BOOTCAMP is an intensive one-week classroom and laboratory training course in computer forensic examinations. It will teach attendees how to conduct forensically sound examinations and to preserve evidence for admission and use in legal proceedings. In addition, this course will help prepare attendees for the CCE certification exam. NOTE: $200 discount for Law Enforcement, Government, Military and Education.*

dance

AFRO-CARIBBEAN DANCE: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., noon, Montpelier; Fridays, 5:30-7 p.m., Burlington. Cost: $11/class. Location: Capitol City Grange, Montpelier; Memorial Auditorium Loft, Burlington. Info: Marie Kevorkian, 802-985-3665. *Dance to the rhythms of Guinea and Haitian music. Live drumming led by Stuart Paton. Monthly master classes with visiting instructors. Beginners welcome.*

DANCE STUDIO SALSALINA: Cost: $12/class. Location: 266 Pine St., Burlington. Info: Victoria, 802-598-1077, info@salsalina.com. *Salsa classes, Nightclub-style, one-on-one, group and private, four levels. Beginner walk-in classes, Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Argentinean Tango class and social, Fridays, 7:30 p.m., walk-ins welcome. No dance experience, partner or preregistration required, just the desire to have fun. Drop in any time and prepare for an enjoyable workout.*

design/build

YESTERMORROW DESIGN/BUILD SCHOOL: Cost: $500/2-day classes, $750 and up for 1-2-week classes. Scholarships and gift certificates available. Location: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, Rt. 100 (just 40 min. from Burlington), Warren. Info: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, 802-496-5545, designbuild@yestermorrow.org, www.yestermorrow.org. *Handplanes, Feb. 9-11; Redefining Small Business, Feb. 9-10; Beyond Sustainable Construction, Feb. 17-18; Green Real Estate, Feb. 20-22 ($450); Green Ladderback Chairs, Feb. 24-28 ($725); Igloo Design/Build, Mar. 1 ($60/family); How to Fix Your Home, Mar. 15-18; [illegible] Furniture Making, Mar. 23-28 ($760); Eyebrow Dormers, Mar. 21-23. Celebrating our 27th year! All courses are small, intensive and hands-on.*

drumming

BURLINGTON TAIKO CLASSES: Cost: $53/Adult Beginner Class. Location: Taiko Space, 208 Flynn Ave., Burlington. Info: Burlington Taiko, 802-658-0658, classes@burlingtontaiko.org, www.burlingtontaiko.com. *Tiny Tots Taiko, Saturday, 2/10, Ages 3-4, 9-9:40 a.m.; Ages 4-6, 10-10:50 a.m. $14/class (1 parent w/ 1 child). Winter II session: Kids (Beginners), 2/19, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4:30-5:20 p.m. $39. Adults (Beginners), 2/19, 26, 3/4, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 6:30-8:20 p.m. $53. Gift certificates are available. Email for full schedule.*

RICHMOND TAIKO CLASSES: Kids (Beginners), Thursdays, 6-6:45 p.m. $48. Adults (Beginners), Thursdays, 7-7:50 p.m. Cost: $60/adults. Location: Richmond Congregational Church, Bridge St., Richmond. Info: 802-434-2624, classes@burlingtontaiko.org. *Classes will meet 2/22, 3/6, 3/15 and 3/27. Paid pre-registration is due by 2/14 and there is a 10-person min. for each class. Preregistrants will receive $5 off their session fee (the first price shown below). Kids Class (Beginners) Thursdays, 6:00-6:50 ($37/$42). Adult Class (Beginners) Thursdays, 7:00-7:50 ($41/$46).*

fine arts

BRURY STUDIO: Class ongoing, all ages. Location: [illegible]. Info: Carol, 802-263-8421. *A fine art experience in drawing, painting and French through art.*

[illegible] WORKSHOP SERIES: Feb. 14-28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost: $40/session. Location: Shelburne Art Center, 64 Falls Rd., Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Art Center, 802-985-3648, www.shelburneartcenter.org. *Ted Spargren has been exploring the traditional process of egg-size oil painting used during the Renaissance. His research/insights are offered in this workshop series: Making and Working on Panels, Feb. 14; New Old Master Painting with Putty Mediums, Feb. 21; and Making Oil Paint, and Traditional Mediums, Feb. 28.*

fitness

WOMEN'S FITNESS PROGRAM: Feb. 4-13. Cost: $1495/program + optional housing. Location: University of Vermont, UVM campus, Burlington. Info: University of Vermont, 802-656-2085, learn.uvm.edu/vtrim/fitness. *Dedicate yourself to developing a fitness plan for life. Learn from UVM's world-class instructors Dr. Declan Connolly and Jean Harvey-Berino, Ph.D. Amenities include massage, hotel accommodations and delicious meals.*

gardening

CO-CREATIVE GARDENING CLASS: Classes start Sat., Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: $20/3-hour class. Location: Awakening Sanctuary, Old Hollow Rd., Monkton. Info: Earth Healing Institute, Jennifer Vyhnak, 802-453-4433, www.earthhealinginstitute.com. *Learn how to work collaboratively with the Devas and Nature Spirits to co-create gardens and other areas of balance, vitality and healing for the benefit of yourself, your home, community and our world. Based on the world-renowned co-creative gardening methods of Perelandra Nature Research Center and the Findhorn community.*

herbs

ORIENTAL HERBAL MEDICINE: Location: Elements of Healing, 42 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Info: Elements of Healing, Scott Moylan, 802-288-8160, elementsofhealing@verizon.net, www.elementsofhealing.net. *Class meets one weekend/month and will focus on the use of Chinese and Japanese herbs working with one herb and combining them into formulas. Students will learn the fundamentals of Oriental diagnosis and theory, Yin Yang theory, 5 element & principle, and An, a study of pulse, tongue and pulse diagnosis.*

WISDOM OF THE HERBS SCHOOL: Open House: Sunday, Mar. 4, 1-4 p.m. Location: Rhapsody Cafe, 28 Main St., Montpelier. Info: Annie McCleary, Director, 802-456-8122, annie@wisdomoftheherbsschool.com, www.WisdomOfTheHerbsSchool.com. *Currently accepting applications for Wisdom of the Herbs 2007 eight-month certification program, mid-April through November. Learn local plants as edibles and medicinals, plant spirit communion, home remedies, and fire making with bow drill. Classes held in So. Woodbury, VT. VSAC non-degree grants available to qualifying Vermont residents. MasterCard and VISA accepted.*

language

FRENCH CLASSES: Cost: $175/member, 4 sessions, 8 classes each. Location: Alliance Francaise de la Region du Lac Champlain, 504 Dupont (Old Fort Ethan Allen), Colchester. Info: Alliance Francaise de la Region du Lac Champlain. *Advanced Conversation, Monday; Beginning French, Tuesday; Intermediate French A, Wednesday; Intermediate French B, Thursday. 4 sessions, 8 classes per session beginning March 10th. Classes meet at #304 Dupont (Old Fort Ethan Allen), 6:30-8:00 p.m. Information/Registration: 654-2814 or 434-5281, leave message. marmartin@[illegible].*

martial arts

AIKIDO OF CHAMPLAIN VALLEY: Adult introductory classes begin on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m. Location: Aikido of Champlain Valley, 257 Pine Street, Burlington. Info: 802-951-8900, aikidovt.org. *This traditional Japanese martial art emphasizes circular flowing movements and joining and throwing techniques. Visitors are always welcome. Gift certificates are available. Classes are taught by Benjamin Pincus sensei, 6th-degree black belt and Vermont's only fully certified (6th dan) Aikido instructor.*

MARTIAL WAY SELF-DEFENSE CENTER: Introductory class. Location: One minute off I-89, exit 17, Colchester. Info: 802-893-8893. *Day and evening classes for adults. Afternoon and Saturday classes for children. Group and private lessons. Kempo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Arnis and Wing Chun Kung Fu.*

VERMONT BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Monday-Friday, 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. Location: Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 55 Leroy Road, Williston. Info: 802-660-4072, www.bjjusa.com. *Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a complete martial-arts system, it enhances balance, flexibility, strength, cardio-respiratory fitness and builds personal courage and self-confidence. Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu offers Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Self-Defense classes. Boxing, Muay-Thai Kickboxing and MMA for all levels. Head Instructor is 5-Time Brazilian Champion, Rio de Janeiro certified 6th Degree Black Belt under Carlson Gracie. Classes for men, women and children. First class is free.*

massage

ASIAN BODYWORK THERAPY PROGRAM: Location: Elements of Healing, 42 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Info: Elements of Healing, Scott Moylan, 802-288-8160, www.elementsofhealing.net. *This program teaches two forms of Oriental massage: Amma and Shiatsu. We will explore Oriental medicine theory, the body's meridian system, acupressure points, Yin Yang theory, 5-Element theory. Additionally diagnostic methods of pulse, abdominal and tongue diagnosis are taught, giving students the tools to treat a wide range of imbalances.*

meditation

INSIGHT MEDITATION RETREAT: Feb. 15-18, 6:30 p.m. Cost: $180/3-day retreat, including room and meals, tuition by donation. Location: Sky Meadow Retreat, 45 Winchester Rd., Northeast Kingdom. Info: Sky Meadow Retreat, Miles Sharts, 802-855-2[illegible], [illegible]@SkyMeadowRetreat.com, www.SkyMeadowRetreat.com. *Three-day silent retreat. A Buddhist tradition focuses awareness on present moment experience rather than past or future thoughts. Sitting on a chair or cushion we use sensations of breathing to calm the mind and let go of our story. Instructions and support are offered without religious belief or ritual.*

LEARN TO MEDITATE: Meditation instruction available Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or by appointment. The Shambhala Cafe meets the first Saturday of each month for meditation and discussion, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. An Open House occurs every third Wednesday evening of each month, 7-9 p.m., which includes an intro to the center, a short dharma talk and socializing. Location: Burlington Shambhala Center, 187 So. Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: 802-658-6795, www.burlingtonshambhalactr.org. *Through the practice of sitting still and following your breath as it goes out and dissolves, you are connecting with your heart. By simply letting yourself be as you are, you develop genuine sympathy toward yourself. The Burlington Shambhala Center offers meditation as a path to discovering gentleness and wisdom.*

music

TRADITIONAL FIDDLE STYLES: 7-8 p.m., weekly on Wednesdays. Cost: $20/session. Location: North End Studio, 294 North Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: Pete Sutherland, epsut@gmavt.net, epsutmusic.com. *NEW Wednesday evening class in Burlington. For all intermediate fiddlers and questioning violinists. Learn traditional tunes, styles, techniques by ear from dedicated area teacher and performer PETE SUTHERLAND, the most energizing, sociable acoustic music around! Info, directions: epsut@gmavt.net.*

nature

CO-CREATIVE GARDENING CLASS: Classes start Sat., Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. End in Oct. Cost: $20/3-hour class. Location: Awakening Sanctuary, Old Hollow Rd., Monkton. Info: Earth Healing Institute, Jennifer Wyhowski, 802-453-7411, www.earthhealinginstitute.com. *Learn how to work collaboratively with the Devas and Nature Spirits to co-create gardens and other areas of balance, vitality and healing for the benefit of yourself, your home, community and our world. Based on the world renowned co-creative gardening methods of Perelandra Nature Research Center and the Findhorn community.*

organization

ORGANIZE YOUR HOME: 2nd & 4th Mon. of every month from 8-9pm EST. Cost: $215/5 months. Location: From the comfort of your own home, Anywhere, USA. Info: Harmony At Last, Julie Lueders, 802-660-4035, jcaltoo@harmonyatlast.com, www.harmonyatlast.com. *Transform your house into your paradise! Learn how to organize your home and keep it that way in a supportive group learning environment. Flexibility and convenience are built in through periodic phone meetings and a private, moderated message board. Learning materials and class recordings also included. Virtual organizing made simple!*

parenting

INFANT/PARENT WALDORF PLAYTIME: Feb. 15 - Apr. 18, 1-2:50 p.m., weekly on Wednesday. Cost: $75/the complete series of 6 classes. Location: Lake Champlain Waldorf School, 359 Turtle Ln., Shelburne. Info: Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Susan Sussmann, 802-985-2827, cloud9@ecrcla.net, www.lcwaldorf.org. *"Acorns and Oaks" Playgroup, for parents with newborns through 12-month-olds, expectant parents and grandparents. Observe babies as they grow, learn simple nursery rhymes and finger games, share insights, questions, discuss child development and the concerns normal to all parents. Led by Waldorf teacher Susan Sussmann at the beautiful kindergarten cottage.*

pilates

125 PILATES STUDIO: Location: 125 Pilates Studio, 48 Malneberg Dr. (Hwy 127 near Burlington/New North End), Colchester. Info: 123 Pilates Studio, Lucille Dyer, 802-863-6558, lucille@123pilates.com, 125pilates.com. *Beyond the ordinary, our studio sessions bring together the best of Pilates exercise, integrative movement and ballet technique. Challenge your level of strength, flexibility and coordination, while developing precision, awareness, and flow. Experience the difference of more than 20 years' teaching experience. Small classes, professional instruction, individual attention and fun.*

ABSOLUTE PILATES: Ongoing classes, reasonable rates. Location: Eagle, 12 Gregory Drive, Suite One, South Burlington. Info: 802-510-2814, www.absolutepilatesvt.com. *Tone, stretch, strengthen and energize with certified classical Pilates instructor Lynne Martens. Sculpt a great new body in group mat classes or private lessons on reformer. Wunda chair and tower next in an attractive welcoming inside. Visit our website for pricing, class times and specials.*

PILATES AT SHELBURNE H & F: Location: Shelburne Health & Fitness, 4068 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Health & Fitness, 802-985-5161, info@shelburnehealthandfitness.com, shelburnehealthandfitness.com. *Experience a different kind of Pilates with our Balanced Body certified instructors. Our beautiful new studio is equipped with new reformer beds, Wunda chairs and all the accessories you need to build a stronger, leaner you. Watch for free intro classes and see our schedule at www.shelburnehealthandfitness.com. Conveniently located on Rte. 7. We have plenty of free parking.*

PILATES SPACE: Introduction call for current pricing. Location: Pilates Space, 208 Flynn Ave. (across from the antique shops, near Oakledge Park), Burlington. Info: 802-863-4277, www.pilatespace.net. *Come experience our expert teachers, beautiful, light-filled studio, and welcoming atmosphere. We offer Pilates, Anusara-Inspired Yoga, Physical Therapy and Gyrotonic to people of all ages and levels of fitness. Free intro to Pilates Saturdays, 11:30 a.m., or call to arrange a time to fit your schedule. Pilates Method Alliance Member.*

psychotherapy

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT: Feb. 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: $75/6-hour class. Location: Unitarian Church, Main St., Montpelier. Info: Karen Bruce, 802-793-1518, rgbruce@mac.com, www.aformfamilycounseling.com. *Heart and mindfulness as medicine to despair. A practical, skills-based workshop to turn a fresh page in your life. Presenting a soulful response to chronic emptiness, tension, anxiety and the persistent matter of life suffering. Reservations required.*

reiki

REIKI CAMPING CLASSES: Reiki Level One (2 classes): Sat., Feb. 16 and Sat., Mar. 29, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. $175. Reiki Level Two: Sat., Apr. 26, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Location: Rising Sun Healing Center, 35 King St., Suite 7, Burlington. Info: 802-878-1711, chenna@risingsunhealing.com. *Learn this powerful hands-on healing art w/ Reiki teacher Chris Hinson.*

spirituality

GREEN MOUNTAIN DRUID TRAINING: One weekend per month, 8 months a year. Cost: $1800/year. Possible payment plan. Location: Greenlands, 233 Downs Road, Worcester. Info: Green Mountain Druid Order, Lynn McBeth, 802-505-8010, lynnmcbeth@aol.com, www.lynnmcbeth.com. *The Druid Training is designed to liberate our creativity, transform and heal us, align us with the spirit of nature and this wonderful planet, and teach us how to create sacred space with our every breath. Eventually we become Caretakers of the Earth, empowered Druids who truly make a difference.*

JOURNEY WITHOUT GOAL: Tues. Evenings, Feb. 26 - Mar. 24 & Sat., Mar. 15. Cost: $55. Location: Burlington Shambhala Center, 187 South Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: Burlington Shambhala Center, Tracy Whitcomb, 802-822-2802, http://www.burlingtonshambhala.org. *This course introduces students to the principles of tantra. Readings are drawn primarily from the book "Journey Without Goal," which was compiled from a series of lectures given by Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche at the Naropa Institute in 1974. The course provides a direct and experiential picture of the tantric world with emphasis on the practice of meditation.*

SILVA WORKSHOP PSYCHIC ABILITY: Cost: $500/16-hour class (Apr. 26-27). Location: Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Drive, Colchester. Info: Empowering Transitions, Therese Schilizzi, 646-214-1295, empitransitions@aol.com, www.empoweringtransitions.com. *Empower and transition your life in 2008. Learn to develop your natural psychic ability in a relaxing, supportive environment. ESP is developed through dynamic meditation, mental projection, mind sensing techniques and psychic exercises. Learn how to use your natural psychic ability to help change and improve your life.*

weight loss

LOSE WEIGHT WITH HYPNOSIS: Cost: $160/4-week class. Location: Wellspring Hypnotherapy Center, 57 River Rd., Essex Junction. Info: Wellspring Hypnotherapy and Rising Sun Healing, Betty Moore-Hafter, 802-872-0089, betty@risingsunhealing.com, www.holistichypnotherapyvt.com OR www.wellspringhypnosis.com. *The subconscious mind is at the root of habits that make weight loss easy or difficult. Learn hypnosis techniques to help you make permanent changes. 4-week classes (level 1 and 2) with ongoing support groups. Audio CD's of hypnosis sessions are included to make home practice effective and easy.*

VTRIM WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASS: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 5:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., in person. Location: University of Vermont, 522 S. Prospect St., Burlington. Info: University of Vermont, 802-656-2085, learn.uvm.edu/vtrim. *The UVM Weight Management Research Program now offers VtrimTM, its six-month research-based weight-loss program, to the community. Learn how to modify your eating and exercise behaviors and succeed at weight management. Ten classes start in January. Choose from Monday-Thursday, on campus and online. Eat, drink and be healthy.*

VTRIM WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASS: Tuesday, Feb. 12, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., online. Location: University of Vermont, 522 S. Prospect St., Burlington. Info: University of Vermont, 802-656-2085, learn.uvm.edu/vtrim. *The UVM Weight Management Research Program now offers VtrimTM, its six-month research-based weight-loss program, to the community. Learn how to modify your eating and exercise behaviors and succeed at weight management. Ten classes start in January. Choose from Monday-Thursday, on campus and online. Eat, drink and be healthy.*

VTRIM WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASS: Monday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., online. Location: University of Vermont, 522 S. Prospect St., Burlington. Info: University of Vermont, 802-656-2085, learn.uvm.edu/vtrim. *The UVM Weight Management Research Program now offers VtrimTM, its six-month research-based weight loss program, to the community. Learn how to modify your eating and exercise behaviors and succeed at weight management. Ten classes start in January. Choose from Monday-Thursday, on campus and online. Eat, drink and be healthy.*

VTRIM WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASS: Thursday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., online. Location: University of Vermont, 522 S. Prospect St., Burlington. Info: University of Vermont, 802-656-2085, learn.uvm.edu/vtrim. *The UVM Weight Management Research Program now offers VtrimTM, its six-month research-based weight loss program, to the community. Learn how to modify your eating and exercise behaviors and succeed at weight management. Ten classes start in January. Choose from Monday-Thursday, on campus and online. Eat, drink and be healthy.*

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wood

HUNTBOARD IN THREE PARTS: Feb. 25 - Apr. 15, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Location: Shelburne Art Center, 64 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Art Center, 802-985-3648, www.shelburneartcenter.org. *Master woodworker Garrett Hack returns to Shelburne Art Center to teach this three part workshop. Build a huntboard (a country sideboard) using some machines and lots of hand tools. Members $1000, nonmembers $1070. Full class description and complete listing of Art Center's wood classes and workshops online.*

yoga

BRISTOL YOGA AND AYURVEDA: Daily Ashtanga yoga classes for all levels. Special monthly workshops on yoga, Ayurveda, diet and nutrition. Breathing and meditation. Private sessions in yoga or ayurvedic consultations available by appointment. Cost: $14/drop-in, $110/10 classes or $100/monthly pass. Location: Old High School, Bristol. Info: 802-482-5547, www.bristolyoga.com. *This classical form of yoga incorporates balance, strength and flexibility to steady the mind, strengthen the body and free the soul. Bristol Yoga is directed by Christina Herr, who was blessed and authorized to teach by Sri K Pattabhi Jois of Mysore, India, holder of the Ashtanga lineage.*

BURLINGTON YOGA: Daily ongoing classes in all styles with experienced, certified instructors. Cost: $12/hour, $14/90 min., $100/unlimited monthly membership, $75/private lesson. Location: 156 Saint Paul St., 1/2 block south of Main St., Burlington. Info: 802-658-9642, www.burlingtonyoga.com. *"The yogi whose mind is ever under his control, always striving to unite with the Self, attains the peace of Nirvana - the Supreme Peace that rests in me." Bhagavad Gita VI 15 Krishna to Arjuna.*

COPPER CRANE YOGA: Daily ongoing yoga and meditation classes for all levels. 3-week Beginner Series. Special workshops and monthly talks on yoga, bodywork, relaxation, meditation, breathing, energy work and more. Cost: $14/drop-in, $60/5-class card, $110/10-class card, $200/20 class card. Location: Copper Crane Yoga, 178 Main St., Vergennes. Info: 802-877-5895, coppercraneyoga.com. *Offering individual, group and custom classes. Thai Yoga Bodywork and Zero Balancing sessions by appt. Copper Crane Yoga is directed by Carolyn Conner, RYT, Advanced Certified Thai Yoga Bodywork practitioner. Copper Crane provides wise and compassionate teaching to nourish the spirit and unite the mind and body. Go yourself here.*

EVOLUTION YOGA: Mondays, 5:45 p.m. class is sliding scale, $4-10. $5 Friday classes at 4:50 p.m. VALENTINE'S DAY 2/14: Partner Yoga 5:15-6:50 p.m., Yoga, Chakras and Chocolate, 7-8:30 p.m. Cost: $13/drop-in, $120/10 class card, $15 hr. classes, $11/drop-in, $100/10 class card for 1 hr. classes. Location: Evolution Yoga, 20 Kilburn Street, Burlington. Info: 802-864-9642, www.evolutionvt.com. *Vinyasa, Anusara-Inspired, Kripalu and Iyengar classes for all levels, plus babies and kids yoga. Prepare for birth and strengthen postpartum with pre/postnatal yoga.*

YOGA VERMONT: Daily drop-in classes, plenty of choices open to all levels. Cost: $14/drop-in, $110/ten classes, $120/month pass. Location: Chace Mill in Winooski & our new downtown studio and boutique at 113 Church St. (top floor of the Leunig's building), Burlington. Info: 802-660-9718, www.yogavermont.com. *Explore a variety of yoga styles with experienced and passionate instructors in our beautiful, spacious studios. Yoga for Skiers/Riders, Six-Week Intro to Kripalu, Six-Week Intro to Ashtanga, Monthly Restorative, Adaptive Yoga, Instructor Training and more listed on website. Gift certificates available. For the latest, check out our blog: http://yogavermont.typepad.com.*

housing

For Sale

18 Years Experience!
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861-6223

2-BD HOUSE W/HOT TUB: Lovely 2 BR home. Less than 1/2 mi. to Lake Champlain and mins. to I-89. Large fenced-in back yard. Screened-in back porch w/hot tub. Quiet neighborhood. Info: Matt Garrett, 802-578-1758, http://www.picketfencepreview.com/GarrettMatt.htm.

2 BD CONDO TOSEIDP: 41 Bayberry Ln., S. Burlington. For sale by owner. Growth floor 1 BA, 1100 sq.ft. Laminate, bug bar, tile throughout. Must see. Seller is very motivated! Info: 802-238-1518.

2 BR, 1 BA TOWNHOUSE: Riverwatch Condos, townhome, backable location. HDWD throughout 1000 sq.ft. of living space, one car building, pool garage. Minutes to downtown, lake. $2000 back on closing costs. Info: 802-858-0490.

ORCHARD CONDO, ESSEX JCT: End unit 3-level 2-BR (spacious), 1 BA + 2 half baths. Finished basement w/ bar, exercise room & half bath w/ laundry room. Carport. Close to schools, shops, pool. Asking $174,900/OBO. Make an offer today! Info: Donna Libby, 802-879-6281.

HOME FROM $10,000: Buy foreclosures. Must sell now. 1-4 bedrooms. Call for listings (AAN CAN). Info: 800-903-7158.

JERICHO CAPE ON 5.5 ACRES: 1700 sq ft. cape on 5.5 open acres w/ barn, pond, gardens. HDWD, new appliances, dorl. move-in condition. Quiet country road. Info: 802-899-5164, jerichocapehouse.com.

NICE CONDO IN COLCHESTER: Quiet neighborhood w/ pool & tennis courts. Close to everything yet private. A must-see! $165,500. Info: Margaret Pickett, 802-864-9100.

SPACIOUS COLCHESTER HOME: 5 BR, 2.5 BA, 2600 sq.ft. + 1400 sq.ft. finished basement, 2-car garage, cathedral ceiling, skylights, gas/HW heat. 5-season sun room. PRE-MARKET/SHOW FREE HOME. Adjacent to woods. $540,000. Info: 802-858-4545, colchestercondo.blogspot.com/

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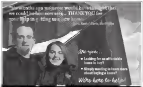
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Call to Artists

A CALL TO POTTERS! Spectrum Youth & Family Services is looking for potters to donate bowls for our "Empty Bowl Soup Night" on Apr. 3. All proceeds will be used to support our [illegible] centre. A residential program. We are looking for approx. 50 bowls between Mar. 17-24. It would be wonderful if each potter could provide a bio to go w/ the bowl. Info: Spectrum Youth and Family Services 802-864-7423.

FRINGE FILM FEST AT LSC The Langdon Street Cafe is looking for short films by all-sized people to show at the cafe during Green Mountain Film Fest. Deadline March 7th. Info: Langdon Street Cafe, [illegible]@langdonstreetcafe.com, langdonstreetcafe.com.

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This week's puzzle answers. Puzzles on page 39a.

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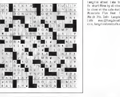

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DEEP-TISSUE MASSAGE: Healing Currents Massage for Women provides manual therapy for treatment of chronic musculoskeletal pain. Deep-tissue technique, neuromuscular therapy, myofascial release. Shannon Ormsby, LMT. Chace Mill Building. Info: Healing Currents Massage for Women, Shannon Ormsby, 802-363-9167, www.healingcurrentsmassage.com

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FREE DENTAL HYGIENE CARE: Second semester dental hygiene students at VT Tech in Williston are seeking patients for dental cleanings. Services are Free. Appointments available on Tues. days. Please call 879-3459 ONLY for information and ask for Liz. Info: vtcoeyjones@aol.com

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Home/Garden

EXTRA HANDS AT HOME? Do you need someone for cooking, cleaning, light duty gardening or organizing your home? I provide reliable, creative service. Refs. avail. Call Cathy, leave clear msg. Serving Burlington & surrounding area. Info: 802-324-3448

LANDSCAPE PRUNING: Winter is the best time to prune on your property. Professional pruning of your home orchards, small trees & landscape plants. Vermont Certified Horticulturist. Info: Old Meadow Farm Nursery and Landscaping, Andrew Scott, 802-811-2253, oldmfarm@yahoo.com

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OUTDOOR YOUTH COUNSELOR: Make more than a living. Make a difference. Immediate job opportunities at Eckerd outdoor therapeutic programs in NC, TN, GA, FL, VT, NH and RI. Year round residential position. Free room & board, competitive salary/benefits. Info and apply online: http://www.eckerdyouth.org. Or fax resume to Career Advisor/AN, 121-442-5911. EOE/DFWP (AAN CAN) Info

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PROFESSIONAL DOG WALKING: Vermont Dog Pack offers dog walks in their own. So. Burlington, Burlington, Colchester & Winooski. See our website www.vtdogpack.com or email/contact Kirsten: Kirsten@vtdogpack.com 802-518-2111 Info

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ACT 250 NOTICE
MINOR APPLICATION
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001-6092

On January 21, 2008, Exchange Accommodation Burlington, LLC and FedEx Ground filed application #4C0548-23A for a project generally described as:

The construction of a 500 sf office addition, modification of the truck trailer parking area, modification of the access locations to the building, and expansion of the employee parking lot. The Project is located at 322 Leroy Road in the Town of Williston, Vermont.

The District 4 Environmental Commission will review this application under Act 250 Rule 51 - Minor Applications. Copies of the application and proposed permit are available for review at the Williston Municipal Office, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission located at 30 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, and the office listed below. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup) by clicking on "Act 250 Database," selecting "Entire Database," and entering the case number above.

No hearing will be held unless, on or before Thursday, February 21, 2008, a party notifies the District Commission of an issue or issues requiring the presentation of evidence at a hearing or the commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Any hearing request shall be in writing to the address below, shall state the criteria or subcriteria at issue, why a hearing is required and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other interested person must include a petition for party status. Prior to submitting a request for a hearing, please contact the district coordinator at the telephone number listed below for more information. Prior to convening a hearing, the District Commission must determine that substantive issues requiring a hearing have been raised. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law will not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

Should a hearing be held on this project and you have a disability for which you are going to need accommodation, please notify us by Thursday, February 21, 2008.

Parties entitled to participate are the Municipality, the Municipal Planning Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, adjoining property owners, other interested persons granted party status pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c). Non-party participants may also be allowed under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(5).

Dated in Essex Junction, Vermont, this 31st day of January, 2008.

By: /s/ Stephanie H. Monaghan
Stephanie H. Monaghan
Natural Resources Board
District #4 Coordinator
111 West Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452
T/ 802-879-5662
E/ stephanie.monaghan@state.vt.us

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE PURSUANT TO 27 V.S.A. §513(a) and (b)

Name of Record Owner of Interest:

Peter Henderson Oil Company
Address Unknown

Description of the Land:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Clark W. Hinsdale, Jr. by Warranty Deed of Clark W. Hinsdale, III, dated June 1, 1994 and recorded at Book 83 Pages 349-318 Charlotte Land Records

Nature of the Interest:

Oil and Gas Lease from Raymond A. Aube and Margaret A. Aube to Peter Henderson Oil Company dated August 1, 1957 and recorded at Book 21 Page 218 Charlotte Land Records.
Name and Address of the Person Giving Notice:

Clark W. Hinsdale, Jr.
288 Lincoln Road
Charlotte, Vermont 05445

It is presumed that the above Oil and Gas Leases are abandoned.

Dated at Charlotte, Vermont, this 1st day of February, 2008

Published by: Clark W. Hinsdale, Jr.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CITY OF BURLINGTON
CITY HALL STEPS AND FOUNTAIN RESTORATION

The City of Burlington is requesting qualification statements from interested contractors who have experience and expertise in one or both of the following areas:

1. Disassemble, restore, repair and replace the granite steps and wall stones at the Church Street entrance to City Hall.
2. Disassemble, restore, repair and fabricate new components for the wrought iron stair railings at the Church Street entrance to City Hall.

Please contact Burlington Public Works at 802-863-4734 to obtain a copy of the RFQ. Qualifications shall be submitted to Carol Duncan, Project Engineer, Burlington Public Works, 645 Pine Street, Burlington, VT 05401, on or before 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2008.

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0119-08 CnC

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Stephen J. Mortensen, Amy L. Mortensen f/k/a Amy L. Benson, Beneficial Mortgage Co. of New Hampshire And Occupants residing at 21 Milton Falls Court, Milton, Vermont,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. to Stephen J. Mortensen dated December 23, 2003 and recorded in Volume 290, Page 21 of the Land Records of the Town of Milton, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 A.M. on February 21, 2008, at 21 Milton Falls Court, Milton, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:
Being Unit No. 4 along with 19.49 percent of undivided interest in the common areas and facilities of the Milton Falls II Condominium so-called, situated on Lot No. 20, depicted on a survey entitled "Milton Falls Subdivision Phase I and II, Milton Vermont Property Plat" drawn by Leonard Lamoureux, Dated April 21, 1988 and Recorded in Map Slide #32-8 of the Land Records of the Town of Milton.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Milton.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-660-8090.

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.

By: Joshua R. Crite, Esq.
Lobe & Fortin, PLC
30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306
South Burlington, VT 05403

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(617) 565-5309
OR
Vermont Human Rights Commission,
135 State St., Drawer 33
Montpelier, VT 05633-6301
800-416-2010

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DON'T SEE A SUPPORT group here that meets your needs? Call Vermont 2-1-1, a program of United Way of Vermont. Within Vermont, dial 2-1-1 or 866-652-4636 (toll-free) or from outside of Vermont, 802-652-4636. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

RIGHTS FOR CAREGIVERS support group — If you are a part-time caregiver for elders for an agency in Chittenden County, we need you to help everyone obtain better wages and more respect for the work we do. Contact Zoe at 802-861-5000 or zoe1844@yahoo.com.

ARE YOU RECENTLY DIVORCED, SEPARATED OR WIDOWED? Then come to the Avenue Bistro (#52 5073) on North Avenue in the Ethan Allen shopping center on Wednesday evenings from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and learn to live life again as a single person. Call Stan 233-5564 for more details.

WOMEN'S GROUP Married or single. Saturday nights at 6 p.m. Held at 16 Adirondack Way, Keen's Crossing, Winooski. Jackie Kenkel.

MEN & WOMEN'S GROUP Married or single. Friday nights at 6 p.m. Held at 16 Adirondack Way, Keen's Crossing, Winooski. Jackie Kenkel.

SINGLE PARENTS and anyone single. Monday nights at 6 p.m. Held at 16 Adirondack Way, Keen's Crossing, Winooski. Jackie Kenkel.

AL-ANON Family group 12 step. Thursdays 12:20-1:20 p.m. Call AWARE at 802-472-5463 for information and to register. Free of charge. 88 High Street, Hardwick, VT.

"WOMEN CHANGING" An educational support group on changing unhealthy patterns for survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence. Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. Ongoing. Join us anytime! Child care reimbursable. Ask about Survivors of Incest Anonymous and Overeaters Anonymous. Call AWARE at 802-472-6463 for information and to register. Free of charge. 88 High Street, Hardwick, VT.

CIRCLE OF PARENTS support group meeting in Rutland Monday evenings. Snacks and child care provided. Meeting is free and confidential. For more info call Heather at 802-498-0608 or 1-800-children. Meetings weekly in Winooski, for more info call Ilona at 802-863-4819 or 1-800-children. Meetings Tuesday evenings in Barre. For more info call Emily at 802-229-5724 or 1-800-children.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT Montpelier daytime support group meets first and third Thursday of the month at the Unitarian Church "ramp entrance" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Montpelier evening support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Vermont Protection and Advocacy, 141 Main St., suite 7 in conference room #2 from 6-8 p.m. Colchester daytime support group meets the second Thursday of each month at the Fanny Allen Hospital, from 12-2 p.m. Burlington evening support group meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Starr Farm Nursing Center, 98 Starr Farm Rd, from 6-8 p.m. Call braininjury at 1-877-856-1772.

FORMING A NEW GROUP focused on recovery/management of addictions compulsions and their resulting imbalances on our lives. Alternative or supplement to traditional 12 step programs. Are you having trouble moderating alcohol, Work, Sex, Television, Food, Drugs, Computer games? Requires a commitment to improving your health and the ability to maintain a non-judgmental atmosphere. Let's discover how our struggles relate and help each other work on strategies to find balance. Contact Michelle at 802-399-6575 or recoveryourbalance@gmail.com.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MEN'S ASSEMBLE CENTER MEN'S GROUP IN SUPPORT GROUP All men welcome weekly group w/facilitators. Open discussion format. Varied topics including relationships, work, parenting, personal growth, healing. Confidential, nonjudgmental. Open to all ethnicities, religious and sexual orientations. Joseph's House, 113 Elmwood Ave. Every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. More info: call Chris 434-4830.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet every second Tues., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Fanny Allen Hospital, lower level in the Board Room.

ARE YOU HAVING PROBLEMS with debt? Do you spend more than you earn? Get help at Debtor's Anonymous plus Business Debtor's Anonymous. Mondays, 7-8 p.m. First United Methodist Church, North Winooski Ave., Burlington. Contact Valerie at [illegible].

HIV SUPPORT GROUP This is a facilitated HIV/AIDS support group that aims to foster a greater sense of community and acceptance and personal growth. We are a group of survivors and with all of our experience, will help you understand and enjoy what living positive has to offer. Mondays @ 7 p.m. in the white building behind the Unitarian Church. For more info call Michael J @ 863-9582.

PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT GROUP that focuses on building motivation, becoming more successful, and living with more passion. This group will also address issues such as the feelings of being stuck, unbalanced, stressed out, and lazy and then will discuss and work on learning and using new ideas and tools to create more supportive and positive habits. Call for more information 802-318-0231.

MEN'S GROUP IN SUPPORT GROUP All men welcome, 18 years of age and older. Open discussion format. Varied topics including relationships, work, parenting, transitions, health, personal growth, grieving, healing, etc. Emotionally safe and confidential. Nonjudgmental, nonviolent. Groups led by trained co-facilitators. Open to all ethnicities, religious and sexual orientations. Joseph's House, 113 Elmwood Ave. (corner of Elmwood Ave. and Allen St. Entrance on Allen St.), Burlington, VT. Every Thursday, 7-9 PM. Please be prompt. Suggested donation $5, but none will be turned away for lack of donation. For info call 434-8186. Visit us at lcmrc.org.

LYME DISEASE Are you interested in forming a group? Please call Susan at 899-2713.

CENTRAL VERMONT SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS COPING WITH BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES Will meet at the Easter Seals office in Berlin the first Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New members welcome. Facilitated by Kristi Lenart, BA. For more information call Kristi at 802-223-4744.

SHYNESS AND SOCIAL ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP Practice new social skills and improve confidence in a supportive and professional setting. Contact: Contact: Ross Enok Asana 865-3450 ext 341 or www shy.group@yahoo.com

BUSINESS WHAT THE BLEEP "and Down the Rabbit Hole" - the layman's way toward understanding latest quantum physics discoveries bridging science and spirituality. We'll watch segments, talk about them, share experiences. Meeting place, Burlington area TBA. Call 802-862-6000.

SHOPLIFTERS SUPPORT GROUP Self help support group now forming in the Capital area for persons who would like to meet regularly for mutual support. This new group would meet weekly at a time and place to be decided to discuss our issues, struggles, and ways of staying out of trouble. We'll likely use some of Terry Shulman's work as a focus for some of our discussions. Please call Lisa at 802-163-8600 or email at Tmaybe28 2015i8@es.com

PARENTING GROUP Parenting support while skill-building for people parenting kids of any age. New members welcome as space allows. Please call for more information. Otter Valley Associates (802) 451-1530.

STARTING A WOMEN'S GROUP Ages 45+ to meet weekly for lunch and other activities such as walking, book discussions, museum visits, matinees and etc. Email Katharine at NKR21 609@aol.com.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP A monthly support group open to anyone with, at risk, or caring for someone with Huntington's disease, and their family and friends. The group meets the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington. The support group is facilitated by a social worker and is sponsored by the Vermont affiliate of the Huntington's Disease Society of America. For additional information please call Warren Hathaway at 1-888-812-6102 ext 31.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN CRISIS Divorce, anxiety, relationship type support for men. Weekly meetings, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian, top of Church St., Burlington.

SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP: 1-3 p.m., every third Thursday, Burlington Police Station Community Room, One North Ave., South Entrance, next to Battery Park. VT CFIDS Assoc. Inc. 1-802-288-1445 voicemail, www.monkeyswithwings.com/vtcfids.html.

MAN-TO-MAN CHAMPLAIN VALLEY PROSTATE CANCER. Support group meets 5 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of each month in the board room of Fanny Allen Hospital, Colchester. 1-800-ACS-2345.

CENTRAL VT SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS COPING WITH BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS Will meet at the Easter Seals office in Berlin the first Wednesday of each month 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. New members welcome. Facilitated by Patti Smith MA & Kristi Petrochko BA. Info call Kristi at 802-223-4744.

FAT FLUSHERS UNITE! Do you need support starting or staying motivated on the Fat Flush Plan by Ann Louise Gittleman? FF support group starting in S. Burlington. Call Rhonda 658-0638x221 for details.

SQUEAKY WHEELS, RUSTY HINGES: Focus group meets at the Branon's Pool in St. Albans to socialize, maintaining well-being, improving performance of daily activities by managing aches through sharing experiences and workout in the warm water. Nothing to fear, no fees, pool pass swimsuit required. 802-527-7857.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING To read and discuss Warren Farrell's groundbreaking best selling book "The Myth of Male Power" 802-343-0810.

SEPARATED BY ADOPTION? Concerned United Birthparents, Inc. (CUB) announces local peer support group meeting in Burlington. CUB meetings offer a safe, confidential, and nurturing environment to explore personal experiences related to adoption, relinquishment, search and reunion (or rejection). For those of us who have felt isolated, it is a tremendous relief to communicate with others who understand our experience. 3rd Tuesday of the month 6-8 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church on Pearl St., top of Church St., Burlington. Free. Contact Judy, vtcubbirth@cubirthparents.org, 800-822-2777 ext 1. www.CUBirthparents.org.

MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE/DYSAUTONOMIA Group forming for information sharing purposes. Please call 863-3153.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING: Based on the work of David Deida, Core Energetics, and other awareness practices. The intention of the group is to serve members into being the most extraordinary man that they can be. It is for men who are dying to penetrate every sill of the world with their courage, their presence, their unbridled passion and relentless love, and their deepest burning, shining, brilliant desire. The group will function as a forum for men to support each other and serve the greater good. We will be working with spiritual practices, the mind and body, and taking on ourselves with the utmost integrity, impeccability and openness. The group is not a new age group nor is it a group dedicated to therapy. Info: email zach@heartofagroup.com or call 811-487-1214.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE (SOS) Have you experienced the impact of a loved one's suicide? Please consider joining us. The Burlington support group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the The Holiday Inn Oak Room, 1068 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT. This is not a therapy group, this is a support group. There is no fee. Please contact Cory Gould M.A., Psychologist Master 802-223-4111 or Linda Livendale 802-479-9450.

SINGLES NIGHT OUT Fun support group for single women. Discussions, weekly activities (cooking, dancing, rock climbing...), child care solutions. A great alternative to dating! Email harleyrow4u@hotmail.com

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS 12-step recovery group. Do you have a problem with money and debt? We can help. Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Redstone Campus First Presbyterian Church, South Prospect St. Sat. 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Brenda, 802-[illegible] 6522 or Cameron 802-363-3141.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-step recovery group. Is what you're eating eating you? Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rt. 15, Essex Jct. Contact 863-2655 for more info.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS A group of recovering addicts who live without the use of drugs. It costs nothing to be a member. The only requirement is a desire to stop using. For meeting info call 802-862-4516 or visit www.cvana.org.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter Meeting. Bethany Church, 115 Main Street, Montpelier. Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. For info call Linda at 476-8345 or Denise at 223-257.

BEREAVED PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Enosburg Falls, 10 Market Place, Main St. Parents, grandparents and adult siblings are welcomed. The hope is to begin a Compassionate Friends Chapter in the area. Info, please call Priscilla at 933-7749.

CONCERNED UNITED BIRTHPARENTS. A group offering support if you have lost a child to adoption or are in reunion or have yet to begin your search. 802-849-2244.

EATING DISORDERS PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP for parents of children with or at risk of anorexia or bulimia. Meetings 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each month at the Covenant Community Church, Rt. 15 Essex Center. We focus on being a resource and providing reference points for old and new ED parents. More information call Peter at 802-899-2554.

HEPATITIS C SUPPORT GROUP Second Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 Community Health Center second floor, 618 Riverside Ave., Burlington 802-356-8936.

AUTISM SUPPORT DAILY Free support group for parents of children with autism. 150 Hale Park Road, Suite 240, Williston. 1st Monday of each month 7-8 p.m. Call Lynn 802-660-7240 or visit www. http://www.AutismSupportDaily.com for more info.

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AUTISM. Free support group for parents and caregivers of children with ASD. Montpelier, 2nd Sunday of the month, 3-5 p.m. at the Family Center. Call Jessica 249-1861 for child care inquiries. More info www.aaware.org

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Dementia support group. Held the last Tuesday of every month at Birchwood Terrace, Burlington. Info: contact Stefanie Cabella 863-6384.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP: If someone in your family or one of your friends is in an abusive relationship, this new support group is designed especially for you. Info, call Women Helping Battered Women 658-1996.

HAIR PULLERS SUPPORT GROUP The Vermont TTM Support Group is a new support group for adult pullers (18+) affected by trichotillomania (chronic hair pulling), as well as parents of pullers. This will be a supportive, safe, comfortable and confidential environment. Meets on the 4th Monday of every month 6-7:30 p.m. There will be no meeting 12/25. First Unitarian Universalist Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington. Info: 453-3688 or vermontttmoutreach@yahoo.com

DEPERSONALIZATION AND DEREALIZATION: If you suffer from either of these trance states please call Info: 864-4285.

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EAST CHAPTER of the Compassionate Friends meets on the third Tuesday of each month 7-9 p.m. at the Christ Church Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus UVM. Info, 482-5319. The meetings are for parents, grandparents and adult siblings who have experienced the death of a child at any age from any cause.

DIABETES EDUCATION and Support Group of Chittenden County meets the third Thursday of every month at the Williston Federated Church, 6:30-8 p.m. We often have guest speakers. Info: 847-2278.

CHADD is a support organization for children and adults with AD/HD. Every second Wednesday of the month, Champlain College, Global Technology Building, Maple St., Room 211, Burlington, VT.

MOOD DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP: Every Monday 4:30-6 p.m. Pastoral United Church. Info contact Lorraine, 485-4934.

WOMEN HELPING BATTERED WOMEN offers free, confidential educational support groups for women who have fled, are fleeing or are still living in a world where intimate partner violence is present. WHBW offers a variety of groups to meet the diverse needs of women and children in this community. Info: 658-1996.

VT PARENTS OF FOOD ALLERGIC CHILDREN EMAIL SUPPORT TEAM. Info: contact MaryKay Hill, www.VTFAAL.com or call 802-373-0351.

MIXED GENDER COMING OUT SUPPORT GROUP: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Co-facilitated by supportive peers and mental health professionals and open to all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning adults age 23 and up. Check out this group meeting at R.U.1.2?

TRANS SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUP: First Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Looking for peer support among other transgender folks? Need a safe space to relax and be yourself? Check out this group meeting at R.U.1.2?

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meeting. St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski. Saturdays 8 p.m. weigh-in 8:30-1:30 p.m. meeting. Info: call Fran or Bennye, 655-3317 or Patricia 658-6904.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a group of recovering addicts who live without the use of drugs. It costs nothing to join. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using. Info: 862-4516, or visit www.together.net/~cvana. Held in Burlington, South Burlington and Colchester. For more information, call 860-8388 or toll free, 1-866-972-5266.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE. Support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington (1068 Williston Rd.) from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Cory Gould, 223-4111 or cgould1138@earthlink.net. Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-VT.

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VT FAMILY MATTERS COACH/MENTOR (Burlington)

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HowardCenter

Adult Mental Health & Substance Abuse

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Vermont's premier Continuing Care Retirement Community seeks a caring, patient person looking to assist with development, implementation and coordination of therapeutic recreation programs for our health center residents. This is a full-time position. We are looking for candidates with prior experience initiating activities with an elder population. Wake Robin offers an excellent compensation and benefits package and an opportunity to build strong relationships with staff and residents in a dynamic community setting.

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Managing Defined Contribution Analysts
Plan valuations for 401(k) plans on a daily valuation platform
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HCE Determination
Top Heavy Testing
Preparation of 5500 Forms
Plan document preparation and maintenance
Managing client relationships
Managing workflow and regulatory deadlines

Requirements
Prior managerial experience
Prior experience in qualified plan administration
Detail oriented and excellent problem-solving skills
Ability to interpret qualified plan document language
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LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROJECT

Vermont Legal Aid seeks a full-time advocate for individuals receiving long term care services in nursing homes, residential care homes, assisted living residences or their own homes. The position is located in Burlington and requires significant travel in Western Vermont. Applicants must be good problem solvers and have excellent oral and written skills. Experience with advocacy, long term care issues or elders a plus.

OFFICE OF VERMONT HEALTH CARE OMBUDSMAN

Vermont Legal Aid seeks a full-time advocate in its Health Care Ombudsman Project located in Burlington. Responsibilities include investigating and resolving complaints and questions from Vermonters regarding health insurance issues, representation of beneficiaries at administrative hearings as well as responsibility for case records, and related clerical duties. Must be able to work as a team member doing extensive telephone work in a busy environment. Prior health care or advocacy experience, knowledge of computers desirable.

Both positions require a Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience. Salary is $27,000 + DOE, plus excellent fringe benefits and four weeks paid vacation. Send cover letter, resume, references and writing sample by February 22, 2008 to:

Eric Avildsen, Executive Director
c/o Sandy Baron
Vermont Legal Aid
P.O. Box 1367
Burlington, VT 05402

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Call **Michelle Brown**
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jobs

Smokejacks Restaurant is looking for Brunch Servers for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Flexibility and prior serving experience necessary. Only resumes accepted. Email to ***Smkjacks@sover.net***

Allenbrook Homes for Youth is seeking applicants for a
Full-time Teaching Parent Position

in a community-based group home for teenaged youth. Responsibilities include daily care and treatment of residents, working with a team of providers. Hours are M–F early AM (6 or 7–10) and T–Th evenings (4–9 or 10 PM). College education, experience, driver's license and criminal record check all required. Competitive hourly wage, medical/dental insurance.

Please send letter of interest, resume and 3 references to

Allenbrook Homes for Youth
Attn: Betsy Yung
102 Allen Road
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ISI Industrial Services, Inc.

Designer/Process Engineer

Industrial Services Inc. specializes in desalination system design and engineering. This exciting industry is growing rapidly, and we have an immediate opening for an entry-level process design engineer with 1-3 years work experience. The ideal candidate should have an engineering degree or certificate, be familiar with process systems such as pumps, piping, valves and instrumentation, and be able to read and create process and instrumentation diagrams. AutoCAD proficiency is required. If you are interested in working in a small company environment with high growth potential, we want to talk to you. This position may require some international travel.

Please respond with resume and cover letter to: harlan@devell.net

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Exciting employment opportunities available at established agency with history of supporting strong, healthy families in an environment of teamwork, creativity and innovation. Lund Family Center is seeking motivated, flexible and dynamic individuals with a passion for working with children and families for the following positions with competitive salary and benefits. EOE/EE/AA

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Substance-Abuse Counselor: Full-time. Counselor needed for outpatient treatment program for pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Master's degree in social work, counseling or human services-related field and licensure or certification in substance-abuse treatment. Experience working with women and children a must. Position will work directly with the local child welfare office.

Substance-Abuse Case Manager: Full-time and part-time positions available. Case Manager needed to provide substance-abuse treatment referral, coordination, monitoring and wrap-around services to young pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, or human-services related field and Apprentice Substance-Abuse Counselor Certificate or the ability to test for certification within three months of hire date. Experience working with women and children, and knowledge of community resources preferred.

Please send cover letter and resume to:
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Manager Position

Farmers' Market in need of organized, attention detailed person to aid in the smooth operation of our market. This person will work closely with a Board of Directors and must be diplomatic, personable, great at problem solving and able to work independently.

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Chittenden County

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Williston, VT 05495

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Outstanding communication skills and the ability to problem solve quickly is critical. The customer care representative is the primary contact for VREIN subscribers and maintains the integrity of MLS data for compliance with policies.

Knowledge of Microsoft Office required. Previous real estate experience is a plus. Send resumes **to bonnie@vtrealestate.com**

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Send resume (NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE) to:

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DR Power Equipment is seeking a motivated Staff Accountant

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Please apply in person at our Factory Store on Meigs Road in Vergennes, or send, email or fax your resume and letter of interest to:

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Vermont Works for Women

2 Positions

Program Instructor/ Coordinator and Classroom Assistant

Vermont Works for Women, a nonprofit organization located in Essex Junction VT, seeks a PROGRAM COORDINATOR and a CLASSROOM ASSISTANT for our alternative technical education program for high school girls.

We're looking for dynamic, creative teachers who enjoy working with young women in a supportive, challenging, and inspiring learning environment. Full time, temporary positions begin February 2008.

Send cover letter, resume and list of references via email to:

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